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Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir shakes hands with Shas leader Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz during talks to woo the religious party into a coalition with Likud. [Canapress photo]

Expected to drive hard bargain

Ultra-Orthodox seen as key to coalition

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Three ultra-Orthodox parties and the aged rabbis who are their spiritual mentors seem to hold Israel's political future in their hands, in the aftermath of last week's Knesset elections.

The National Religious Party, Agudat Yisrael and Shas command 16 Knesset seats.

Two additional religious seats have been won by the new ultra-Orthodox party Degel Hatorah, an Agudat Yisrael breakaway. It remains to be seen whether the fierce personal and doctrinal disputes that caused the split can be resolved.

The recently formed moderate religious party Meimad, which seemed promising according to pre-election opinion polls, failed to win a single seat.

One thing is clear: Neither Labor nor Likud can form a government without the religious right.

The religious bloc is considered far more likely to align with the nationalist Likud than with the socialist and strongly secular Labor Party.

Messianic and exultant in their victory, these religious parties are expected to drive a hard bargain in the coming weeks, one that may be unpalatable to Likud, some analysts say.

Therefore, the possibility of another Labor-Likud unity government cannot be ruled out. But at this juncture it seems remote.

The real winners appear to be Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson, 85, who supported the Agudat Yisrael ticket from his Chabad Chassidic headquarters in Brooklyn; Rabbi Eliezer Schach, 92, of Bnei Brak, a foe of the Chabad movement and a spiritual guide to both Agudat Yisrael and Shas, and Israel's former Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, 70, of Jerusalem.

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Among them these venerable rabbis inspired, cajoled, encouraged and threatened a large and rapidly growing constituency to show its true strength for the first time. In fact, the stunning rise of the religious vote appears to be the single most salient feature of the election.

Demography and the continued surge of the return-to-religion movement among Sephardim and Ashkenazim point to further increasing in its strength in the future. Such aliyah as there is, moreover, is largely Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox, enlarging the Orthodox sector in Israel.

The various religious parties fought this election with a passion born of schism and factionalism. As it turned out, this contributed greatly to their huge success. It made for a higher turnout of religious voters.

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The results

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Here are the results of elections for the 12th Knesset. The number of seats that each party won in the 1984 elections is shown in parentheses.

Likud — 40 seats (41 seat in 1984)
Labor — 39 (44)
Shas — 6 (4)
National Religious Party — 5 (5)
Agudat Yisrael — 5 (2)
Citizens Rights Movement — 5 (3)
Hadash Communists — 4 (4)
Mapam — 3 (0)
Tehiya — 3 (5)
Center-Shinui — 2 (3)
Moledet — 2 (0)
Tsomet — 2 (0)
Degel HaTorah — 2 (0)
Progressive List for Peace — 1 (2)
Arab Democratic Party — 1 (0)

The following parties won seats in 1984, but did not run in the elections; Morasha (1 seat), Ometz (1), Tami (1) and Kach (1).

Mapam ran as part of the Labor Alignment in the 1984 elections and was allocated six seats in the 11th Knesset. It later seceded. Tsomet broke off from Tehiya, and the Arab Democratic Party, led by Abdel Wahab Darousha, broke off from Labor.

Who is a Jew issue

Diaspora awaiting outcome

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — North American Jewish organizations are not planning to pressure the Israeli parties on the Who is a Jew issue until the coalition negotiations are wrapped up, according to Stephen Donshik, the director of the Israel office of the Council of Jewish Federations.

For the past year or so, the CJF has coordinated efforts by North American Jewish organizations aimed at blocking the passage of an amendment to the Law of Return, or similar legislation, that would deny the legitimacy of conversions performed abroad by non-Orthodox rabbis.

Reform and Conservative leaders in Israel, however, warned Labor and the Likud that amending the Law of Return would rupture relations between Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

Donshik said American Jewish leaders are aware that the outcome of the elections has increased the possibility that the law may be changed, but they are taking a cautious approach.

"We want to respect the Israeli political process, and we don't want to prematurely accuse anyone of wanting to disrupt the unity of the Jewish people," he said.

Last week, the group of organizations coordinated by the CJF sent letters to all the parties, urging them to keep the Who is a Jew issue out of the coalition negotiations and out of the Knesset. Donshik said that American Jewish leaders have no plans to send a delegation here to press their views on party leaders while the coalition talks are in progress.

Representatives of American Jewish organizations in Israel have been meeting regularly to discuss the issue, Donshik said. He added that he could not speculate on how North American Jewry might react if the Law of Return were amended.

Reform leader Rabbi Richard Hirsch, however, said there would be "tremendous rebellion" in the Diaspora if the amendment were passed. Hirsch, the director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, said that "North American community leaders are very concerned that most Jews would respond in the only way they know how — by reducing their moral, political and financial support for Israel."

He added that "the Knesset, which includes non-Jews and secular Jews, has no business injecting itself into the religious affairs of Jews in the Diaspora."

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IT'S TIME!

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Soviets promise Hebrew teaching

NEW YORK (JTA) — A promise to legalize the teaching of Hebrew in the Soviet Union and the establishment of a Jewish cultural centre in Moscow appear to be the prime fruits of talks held last week in Moscow between Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Jewish leaders.

Participants in the extraordinary 2-hour discussion, which reportedly covered all substantive issues of concern to Soviet Jewry, included Edgar Bronfman and Israel Singer, president and secretary-general respectively of the World Jewish Congress; Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency Executive; and Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors.

Elan Steinberg, WJCongress executive director, described the talks as taking place "in an atmosphere of warmth and openness." He said the discussion covered "general international relations, the Mideast and the Soviet Jewry question in all its aspects.

"By their actions, they are indicating that they are

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Religious parties call for sweeping changes

JERUSALEM (JTA) — As Likud ministers continued preliminary talks with potential coalition partners, sources close to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said that he does not intend to give in to every demand made by the religious parties.

But Shamir needs their support to establish a governing majority, which the secular right-wing parties alone cannot give him.

Orthodox politicians for their part say they seek no more than restoration of the religious status quo, the unwritten agreement that has defined relations between observant and non-observant Jews since the state was formed.

Left-liberal circles and much of the news media are expressing profound concern over what they see as a growing movement to change the country into a theocrocy.

But Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, leader of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party, and Menahem Porush, veteran Knesset member of the Agudat Yisrael, claim those fears are unfounded.

"We seek only equality and the preservation of the Jewish character of the state," Porush declared in a radio interview.

Peretz and Avner Shaki, the hard-liner who heads the National Religious Party, insisted on television that they do not demand or support religious coercion in the private lives of citizens.

But a reading of the Orthodox political and social agenda casts some doubt over their plan.

Shas, which won six seats to make it the third largest faction in the Knesset, is expected to seek three cabinet portfolios in the next government from among the interior, housing, religious affairs or education ministries.

Any three of those ministries in ultra-Orthodox hands would assert considerable control over private affairs.

Shas also demands:

- Passage of the Who is a Jew amendment to the Law of Return, which would invalidate conversions to Judaism performed by non-Orthodox rabbis.
- Preserving the Jewish character of the state in public.
- A law that would empower local authorities to institute religious by-laws that the courts would uphold. They would affect individual activities and lifestyles.
- Legislation to increase government assistance to large families — the Orthodox have the highest birthrate among Israeli Jews — and enforce public Sabbath observance and other religious rituals.
- The abolition of daylight-saving time, which the strictly observant say throws off their prayer schedule.

The NRP, with five Knesset seats, wants three portfolios, including education and religious affairs.

It insists on:

- The Who is a Jew legis-

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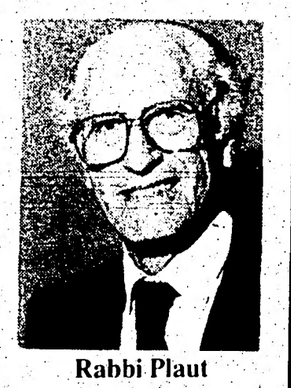
World-National

Fascinating untold story

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Last week I wrote about the youth who, 50 years ago, shot a German envoy in Paris, and thereby gave the Nazis the looked-for opportunity to stage a pogrom of unique proportions, a pogrom that in effect was the beginning of the Holocaust itself.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The background of this Jewish youth and what happened to him afterwards form a fascinating story which has long been untold. But some months ago Professor Michael R. Marrus of the University of Toronto wrote an article about this very subject. He published it in the Winter 1988 issue of *The American Scholar.*

The young man in question was one Herschel Feibel Grynszpan, born in Hanover, Germany to immigrant parents who had never acquired German citizenship and were still Polish nationals. They sent Herschel to a yeshiva, but after Hitler came into power, the 15-year-old boy left Germany and went to an uncle in Brussels and afterwards to France where he lived illegally with another uncle. In July 1938 French authorities ordered him to leave the country. Herschel was desperate and thought of committing suicide or of joining the Foreign Legion.

Jews rounded up

In October Herschel received a postcard from his sister that his parents had been rounded up, along with thousands of Polish-born Jews living in Germany, and had been dumped at the Polish border, and there they existed in unspeakable squalor. The Nazis had cast them out, and the Poles refused to admit them.

When Herschel learned of his parents' fate he became unhinged. He wrote a postcard to his uncle saying that his heart was bleeding and that he felt compelled to protest so that "the whole world hears my protest, and this I intend to do. I beg your forgiveness."

He purchased a gun, took the Metro to the German embassy and asked to see the ambassador. The Third Secretary, vom Rath, appeared and Herschel shot him. Vom Rath died two days later, and that same night the Nazis staged the Great Pogrom, which has entered the history books as *Kristallnacht,* the night of broken glass.

Show trial planned

The French prepared to try Grynszpan, and the Nazis sent a team of officials to guard their own interests, for they were afraid that at his trial Grynszpan would reveal Nazi atrocities. They put pressure on the French who, themselves, were quite uneager to proceed with the trial and thereby worsen their already bad relations with Hitler. When war broke out, Herschel was still in custody. The Germans eventually got a hold of him and planned forthwith to hold a show trial which would indict world Jewry along with him.

The young man's fate seemed to be a foregone conclusion, but now his defense proposed a new tack. Herschel would claim that he had shot vom Rath not because of what the Germans had done to the Jews, but because he and the German envoy had had a homosexual relationship which went sour. This was a twist which confounded the German prosecution, for Hitler was highly sensitive to any allegation of homosexuality among German officials. Young Herschel, however, refused to adopt this defense and insisted that what he had done was meant to call attention to German atrocities. Since the Nazis did not know which defense would be used — and they liked neither — they temporarily halted further proceedings.

Grynszpan probably died later on in a concentration camp, but there have been persistent reports that he survived the Nazis, was liberated, and lived thereafter under a new identity. His father did survive, moved to Israel, and testified at the Eichmann trial.

Move said to be no hardening of official position

Soviets defend anti-Israel vote

By
DAVID KANTOR

MOSCOW (JTA) — A high-level Soviet official maintains that the future of peace in the Middle East is now squarely up to Israel.

Gennady Gerasimov, chief spokesman of the foreign ministry, also insists that Soviet support of the latest Arab attempt to oust Israel from the United Nations did not reflect a hardening of the Soviet attitude toward the Jewish state.

"Not at all," Gerasimov told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He was referring to the Soviet vote at the United Nations on Oct. 18 in favor of an Arab move to have the 43rd General Assembly reject Israel's credentials.

It was defeated by a 95-41 vote, one of the largest margins since the Arabs first attempted the maneuver in 1982. The Israelis were elated by the results, but disturbed that the Soviets continued to vote along with the Arab bloc.

"This particular event shows on the contrary that we did not change our position. We supported the Arab demand on expelling Israel all along and we did it again this year," Gerasimov said, adding, "That has been our traditional attitude."

The Israelis were told at the United Nations that a change in the Soviet voting pattern would occur only when an international conference for Middle East peace is convened.

According to Gerasimov, the fate of such a conference and a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict now depends largely on the results of Israel's parliamentary elections Tuesday.

In his opinion, it is up to Israel to adopt a realistic approach and to make the conference possible. He does not think a further change in the Soviet attitude is necessary to allow this to happen.

Gerasimov confirmed that the Soviet government would extend the visas of a five-member Israeli consular delegation that came to Moscow last summer, the first diplomatic mission on any level to visit the USSR in 21 years.

But the official was adamant that the Israeli delegation is severely limited as to its activities.

While it may inspect the building on Bolshaya Street that housed the Israeli embassy before Moscow broke diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967, there is no question of allowing the diplomats to use the building for any purpose.

"I do not think so. No, we won't do it," Gerasimov told JTA repeatedly.

The Israeli government has continued to pay rent for the premises for more than two decades. But its first diplomatic delegation is occupying rooms at the Ukraina Hotel.

According to Gerasimov, the Soviet authorities would like to see a higher occupancy rate at the capital's hotels.

But more to the point, he stressed that the Israeli delegation came here for specific, limited purposes and its status has not changed.

He denied reports in the Israeli news media that the delegation has met members of the foreign ministry's political staff. The Israelis' contacts have been limited to officials in the consular and technical departments, Gerasimov said.

That was confirmed by Meron Gordon, head of the Israeli delegation, who was interviewed by JTA at his hotel.

Gerasimov would not say whether he would be prepared to receive members of the delegation if they asked for a meeting.

"The fact is that they didn't," he said. "They did not apply."

Teachers said to be in trouble

MOSCOW (JTA) — Hebrew teachers and other Jewish activists face a serious dilemma, despite the more liberal policies of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

At present, they are not bothered by the Soviet authorities. But they live in constant fear of persecution, harassment and even imprisonment, because Hebrew teaching is not recognized as an occupation in the USSR.

Consequently, those who practice it are considered jobless and unwilling to work. That is a serious offense under Soviet law, punishable by long prison terms, Mikhail Chlenov, a veteran Hebrew teacher, explained to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here.

Chlenov and his colleagues are striving, so far without success, to gain official recognition for Hebrew teachers. Official sanction would remove one of the major obstacles to revitalizing Jewish cultural life in the Soviet Union.

Chlenov said he and his fellow Hebrew teachers want state certification and professional recognition. That implies permission to import textbooks from Israel and elsewhere and to have professional exchanges with other Hebrew teachers.

But some quarters in Moscow oppose the extension of recognition to Hebrew teachers. They want to be able to suppress Hebrew studies whenever they think it necessary, Chlenov said.

Another activist, 17-year Refusenik Yuli Kosharovsky, told the JTA, "There has been a change here. But it has to be institutionalized to give us a guarantee against further repression. One of the important points is certainly the recognition of Hebrew teaching as a normal occupation," Kosharovsky said.

He called attention to another problem, which he said has worsened since Gorbachev proclaimed his policy of *glasnost* (openness).

Kosharovsky said it has become almost impossible to protest publicly against repression and anti-semitic activities.

"Formerly, we took to the streets rather often to demonstrate against anti-Jewish activities or to demand freedom for refuseniks.

"Today," he said, "Gorbachev has made such demonstrations all but impossible. According to a new Soviet law, unauthorized demonstrations carry a penalty of one year in prison.

"This makes it impossible for us to stage such protests, since we have no chance of receiving permits to demonstrate against anti-Jewish manifestations, let alone against the regime and its policies," Kosharovsky said.

In fact, Gorbachev seems to have adopted a carrot-and-stick policy toward the Jewish community.

On one hand, he allowed the staging of a Jewish play with strong nationalistic, if not Zionist elements at Moscow's city-owned Hermitage theatre last week.

He also permitted the opening of a Jewish cultural centre in Moscow, which is fully recongized by the communist authorities. But at the same time, he has put an end to public demonstrations, a form of protest that in the past has helped mobilize support for change, and even forced the regime to be more flexible.

The Soviets plan to present recent changes as positive accomplishments deserving of attention and recognition abroad.

U.S. hints at limiting number of Soviet emigres

NEW YORK (JTA) — The United States may one day not be able to accommodate all of the Soviet Jews seeking refuge in America, the Reagan administration's top human rights specialist said here last week.

"There may be limits as to the number of Jews allowed to emigrate to the United States, particularly when there is another country of refuge — Israel," said Richard Schifter, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs.

Schifter spoke at a dinner honoring Morris Abram, outgoing chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The dinner was part of the conference's annual leadership assembly.

In remarks devoted to paying tribute to Abram, the assistant secretary noted that during the course of the chairman's five-year tenure there had been substantial progress in persuading the Soviets to allow Jews to emigrate.

Noting that the current rate of Jewish emigration is 20 times what it was in January 1987, Schifter said, "The work done over the years under Morris' direction has paid off."

But he said that while the struggle to win freedom for thousands of Jews remaining in the Soviet Union continues, the new challenge is "finding a new home for them."

Saying that the American Jewish community will have to do more to help immigrants adjust to their new lives, including providing better job counselling, Schifter said, "We must reach into our pockets to contribute to this cause."

Klarsfeld, Weiss detained

NEW YORK (JTA) — Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld and Rabbi Avraham Weiss of New York were detained twice last week by Turkish police in Istanbul and reportedly beaten following their second detention, after demonstrating against visiting Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

Turkey was the first NATO nation to be visited by Waldheim as president.

Cairo university to help Israeli Islamic seminary

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Cairo's Al-Azhar University, the oldest in the Arab world, has agreed to aid in the establishment of Israel's first accredited Islamic seminary, to be established in Baka al-Gharbiya, Education Minister Yitzhak Navon indicated last week.

A delegation from the new seminary recently traveled to Al-Azhar where they received a commitment of help in preparing teachers and lesson programs.

Six months ago, Navon gave the new seminary the education ministry's stamp of approval, saying that it will allow Israeli Arabs who wish to study Islam to attend an institution inside Israel proper rather than in the territories.

Now under construction, the seminary will be operated by a Sufi sect, which is known for its tolerant views on Arab-Jewish coexistence.

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Israel's Election

Prefer unity government to one led by Likud

American officials disappointed by results

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

U.S. officials are very disappointed by the outcome of the Israeli election.

They are now even hoping that another Labor-Likud "national unity" coalition government — with all its flaws — will emerge in the coming weeks.

"We may be indulging in wishful thinking, but look at the alternative," one U.S. official said.

The alternative is a very hardline nationalist and religious Likud-led coalition.

U.S. officials expressed concern that an Israeli government dependent on Techiya and other right-wing, aggressively pro-settlement parties would seriously strain the American-Israeli relationship and prospects for reviving the peace process.

U.S. analysts are hoping that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and others in the Likud, upon further reflection in the coming weeks, will conclude that another coalition with Labor is in fact less problematic than one with the small religious and nationalist parties.

The Americans expressed hope that many of the more secular-oriented leaders in the Likud will want to resist the strong demands from the ultra-Orthodox parties that the Knesset rewrite Israel's Law of Return so that new immigrants who received Reform and Conservative conversions abroad will be denied automatic citizenship.

The Orthodox parties have long insisted on such legislative action, despite the deep concerns among many Israelis that it would alienate the mainstream of the American Jewish community.

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres wipes away perspiration upon hearing the results of nation-wide polling. [Canapress photo]

The religious parties, boosted by their increased strength, can be expected to push very hard in upcoming negotiations to form a coalition for a change in the 40-year status quo on the religious issues.

But many well-known figures in the Likud, including Moshe Arens, Benjamin Netanyahu, Moshe Nissim, Dan Meridor, and Ehud Olmert, will resist these pressures. In the past, they have often expressed their being very uncomfortable with these religious demands.

Thus, the morning after the elections, well-placed American officials recognized that the political situation in Israel was by no means clear.

"Let's see what happens after the dust settles," one American official commented. "On second thought, Shamir may indeed prefer to make a deal with Labor."

But given Likud's stronger posture now, Shamir will want better terms for himself and his party — terms that may be unacceptable to Labor. For one thing, Shamir will demand that Labor's proposal for an international conference be dropped.

In addition, Shamir can be expected to resist any additional "rotation" of the Prime Ministership with Shimon Peres or anyone else from Labor. He would, presumably, be prepared to permit Labor's Yitzhak Rabin to continue as defence minister.

Many in Labor might prefer returning to the political opposition rather than accepting this secondary status in a coalition government.

But the Israeli public, very sensitive to the fact that the national unity government has dramatically improved Israel's economic situation over the past four years, could be expected generally to welcome another Labor-Likud partnership. Still, whether that is now possible is very unclear.

Publicly, the White House and the state department have declined to comment on the preliminary results of the election. But high-ranking officials were closely monitoring the outcome with increasing alarm. For the most part, they sought to put their best face forward.

"This is democracy in action," one state department official said. "We'll go with the choice of the people of Israel — whatever it is."

But that official and others pointed to the dramatic increase in the number of religious seats in the upcoming Knesset. "There has been a clear move to the right in Israel," one U.S. official said.

U.S. analysts suggested that the most recent terrorist incident near Jericho apparently influenced some last-minute undecided Israelis to vote for right-wing parties. "Labor would have done better without that attack," an American said.

They also noted that many people who would have voted for Rabbi Meir Kahane's banned Kach Party apparently wound up voting for the religious parties. Kach had been projected to receive as many as three seats.

If the Likud should assemble a narrow coalition with the rightwing bloc, U.S. analysts said, the political future of Foreign Minister Peres would almost certainly be seriously endangered. Peres has now failed to lead Labor to a victory in four elections — 1977, 1981, 1984 and now.

"He has to see the handwriting on the wall," one U.S. official commented.

Comming exactly one week before the U.S. presidential election, the Israeli contest has aroused considerable interest in the United States.

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Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis and Vice President George Bush have both stressed that they will work for a Middle East peace with whoever forms a government in Israel.

Dukakis gave his assurance in a statement from his Boston campaign headquarters congratulating the people of Israel for their demonstration of democracy.

Bush did not issue a statement after the Israeli elections. But his campaign headquarters released a letter on the Israeli elections that he sent Oct. 24 to an American Public Affairs Committee dinner in Los Angeles.

In it, Bush said, "I look forward to working closely with the national leadership elected by the people of Israel, whomever they choose."

Bush pointed out that both Shamir and Peres "are good friends of mine and of the United States." He said the two Israeli leaders are "committed to the search for lasting peace and security for Israel."

Vote split reduces influence

Arabs fail to form bloc

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel's Arab community failed again to realize its potential as a force in Israeli politics.

Although some 270,000 of the 350,000 eligible Arab voters cast ballots — a 78% voter turnout — they benefited neither themselves nor the Jewish moderates who could be their allies, analysts said.

Altogether the Arabs won 13 Knesset seats, which, if united, would constitute a formidable bloc. But the Arab vote was fragmented among half a dozen or so parties, diluting whatever political influence it may have brought to bear.

Instead of creating a bloc that might have enabled the Labor Party to form a governing coalition, the Arabs failed even to establish a "preventive bloc" to keep Likud from forming a coalition with the ultra-Orthodox and extreme right-wing parties.

For the first time, Arab support for the Zionist parties fell below 50%. Most Arab votes went to the Hadash Communist Party, the Progressive List for Peace and the newly formed Arab Democratic Party.

The Communists and the Progressive List dissociate themselves from the Zionist nature of Israel and are automatically excluded from the coalition-building process.

The Arab Democratic Party was founded by Abdel Wahab Darousha, a former member of Labor's Knesset faction. It is the only purely Arab party, Hadash and the Progressive List being binational.

Labor gained a seat and a half from the Arab vote, in contrast to the 3 seats it won from Arab voters in the 1984 elections.

This was certainly due in part to Arab anger at the harsh measures taken by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin to suppress the Palestinian uprising in the territories. The rest of the Arab votes were split among the Citizens Rights Movement and Mapam, on the left; Likud, on the right; and the National Religious Party.

Likud and the NRP have traditional power bases among Israeli Arabs, because they control services granted to them.

Strong animosity among parties

Arab political clout is further fragmented by the strong animosity between the Communists and the Progressive List. They were unable to reach an agreement on the allocation of surplus votes (those that result in a party winning a fraction of a seat, which can then be combined with another party's fraction).

The result was that 30,000 to 40,000 Arab votes were wasted. The two Knesset seats they represented could have prevented Likud from forming a government.

But Hanna Siniora, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic daily Al-Fajr, was not discouraged by the Arab voting pattern.

He told reporters that the emergence of Darousha's Arab Democratic Party as an independent political entity could serve as the basis for a large Arab party that might be decisive in future Israeli elections.

On the other hand, Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem, a leading Arab moderate, was pessimistic. He said on Israel television that the election results closed the "option of peace for the territories." He predicted "four difficult years."

Expatriates stage mock balloting in angry protest

BONN (JTA) —

More than 100 Israelis employed at diplomatic missions or other institutions here protested angrily against the denial of their right to vote.

They did so by staging a mock election that followed to the letter the rules observed by their fellow Israelis who cast ballots at home for the 12th Knesset.

Israel has no absentee ballots. Its citizens living abroad, including diplomats, businessmen, journalists, students and tourists, forfeit the right to vote.

The only exception is Israeli seafarers aboard merchant ships far from home, who are allowed to cast ballots in advance which are flown to Israel in time for the counting.

The mock vote here was held at a private home.

The expatriates, voting by secret ballot, could choose from any one of the 27 parties running in this year's Knesset elections.

The organizers said they wanted to call attention to the fact that emissaries of Israel serving abroad have been deprived of a basic right of citizenship — choosing the country's leaders.

CIC commends democratic process

The Canada-Israel Committee, in a statement released in Ottawa, comments on the Israeli election:

The Canadian Jewish community congratulates the parties which have won seats in the Knesset, and the Israeli electorate who have chosen their representatives through a free and open election, undeterred by continuing violence in the territories, or terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians during the electoral period.

The high turnout of voters in the election is a sign of the commitment which Israelis of all religions have to the democratic process. The wide range of parties winning representation in the Knesset reflects the seriousness and complexity of the issues facing Israelis, and the difficulty of making a clear choice on issues involving the peace process in the absence of prospective Arab negotiating partners.

Canadian Jewry is confident that the new government which will emerge from these elections will continue to seek peace, while safeguarding Israel's security.

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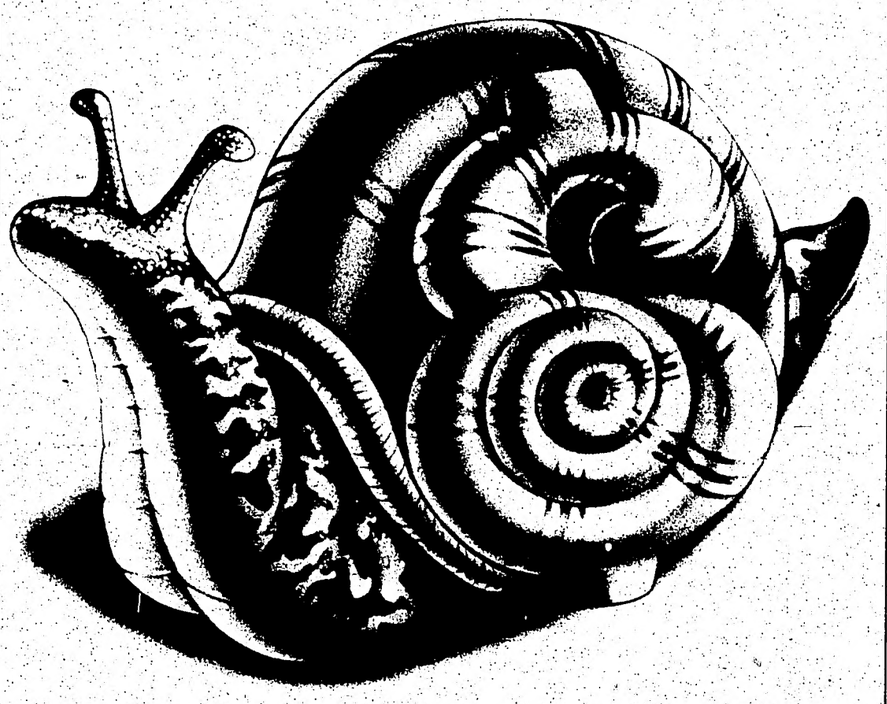

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Israel's Election

PLO sees no difference between Shamir, Peres

Jordan calls results a blow to peace efforts

From our wire services

Arab reaction to the election was mixed.

Egypt called the outcome "the will of the voters," but Jordan described it as "a blow to peace."

Palestinians, meanwhile, promised to intensify their efforts against Israel's occupation of the territories.

Egyptian foreign minister, Esmat Abdel-Meguid, said in Cairo that the outcome "represents the will of the Israeli voters . . . and it is natural that we deal with any new government they choose. Egypt also is anxious to emphasize the need for action to carry on with the peace process to achieve stability in the region."

Egypt, under the leadership of the late president Anwar Sadat, is the only Arab country to have concluded a peace treaty with Israel. The treaty was signed in 1979.

Jordan's foreign minister, Taher Masri, said: "We think such a government will be a blow to the efforts of peace, especially at this time when everyone — the two superpowers, the world at large — is becoming more flexible about reaching the basis for a peaceful (Arab-Israeli) settlement."

Before the election, Jordan, Egypt and the Palestine Liberation Organization had expressed indirect support for Labor and its leftist allies.

"There is no difference in my opinion between Peres and Shamir," said PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in Rome, where he was meeting Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti.

"Shamir is using the iron fist and (Defence Minister Yitzhak) Rabin with Peres is using the same iron fist, and don't forget that during the whole last period we were facing the two parties in the same cabinet."

He insisted that the results would have no bearing on the intifada — the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The revolt will continue, wave after wave, until the end of the occupation," Arafat told reporters.

As for the outcome of the election, which put the balance of political power in the hands of ultra-Orthodox and extreme right-wing parties, the PLO chief said. "The results show the failure of the two main parties.

"The growth of the small parties shows the confusion of the electorate," Arafat said.

Arafat said the elections will have no effect on the intifada.

"In this confusion, the intifada plays an important role," the PLO chief said. "It shows that there is need for great efforts to develop a new mentality in Israel that will understand the profound changes happening on the international level."

He said the way to avoid violence in the West Bank and Gaza would be to deploy United Nations or other international peacekeeping forces there, while efforts are made to call an international conference.

Hanna Siniora, editor of he pro-PLO daily Al-Fajr in the West Bank, said: "The Palestinians will now only intensify their efforts to end the occupation and achieve national rights."

Mohammed Milhem of the PLO executive committee said in Amman that a Likud government would be even tougher on protesters in the territories, where the PLO hopes to establish a Palestinian state, and reaction to the bloodshed might bring peace closer.

"With Shamir, I think there may be more chances for peaceful settlement than (with) Peres," he said. "He's going to escalate. He's going to kill more people, deport more people" so the international community might "do something about it.

"The government of Shamir is an evil, but this evil may do more good than Peres."

Terror from Lebanon expected to go on

By
JPFS & JTA

JERUSALEM —

Terror attacks emanating from Lebanon are likely to continue after the elections, regardless of which party forms the next government, according to Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, head of Tel Aviv University's Dayan Centre.

Retaliatory strikes by the Israel Air Force, the South Lebanese Army and Christian militiamen backed by the SLA apparently proved successful in halting the present wave of terrorist operations, said Rabinovich.

Nevertheless, he maintained that such actions could only bring temporary respite, because the overall problems were endemic.

Rabinovich maintained that the timing of recent terrorist attacks, during the run-up to the elections, was incidental. "We are dealing in the recent cases with three different types of activities, one of which is Syrian-inspired.

"There are various Palestinian organizations which report directly to Syria or act under Syrian political and operational guidance. This was attested to by the fact that members of one of the terror squads had travel permits signed by Syrian intelligence officers.

"Syria always has an interest in promoting anti-Israel activity. These infiltration attempts (by pro-Syrian Palestinian factions) were also designed to serve Syrian political interests.

"The recent summit meeting in Aqaba between Jordan's King Hussein, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, was a slap in the face for the Syrians. The Syrians are now making signals that they cannot be ignored in matters relating to possible moves in the peace process."

Similarly, said Rabinovich, the PLO had its reasons for launching attacks against Israel from its bases in Lebanon and, primarily, the Sidon area where the organization was trying to entrench and reestablish itself.

"The intifada has put pressure on the PLO to stage its own operations and make certain it is not overshadowed by other organizations or embarrassed by seeming to leave the national struggle to the 'civilians' in the territories," said Rabinovich.

"The third activity is that of the Hizbullah, which is suffering from the decline in the international standing of its main backer, Iran."

Rabinovich noted that the Hizbullah had also been hit by the clampdown of the rival Amal Shiite organization in South Lebanon as well as by Israel Defence Forces and SLA strikes on its headquarters in the south.

"Hizbullah is trying to reassert itself and acquire assets for itself in the Shiite community. Amal, on the other hand, is more interested in building a territorial base in South Lebanon," he said. "It suffered a blow with the assassination of its regional leader, Daoud Daoud, which was probably carried out by the Hizbullah, although possibly with Syrian connivance.

"Meanwhile, South Lebanon continues to be a sort of no man's land in the absence of any Lebanese central government. All the underlying reasons, therefore, which produced the recent wave of activity are still there and will remain after the Knesset elections," Rabinovich added.

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Israeli Air Force jets bombed two terrorist installations in Lebanon last week for the fourth time in two weeks.

The targets were described by a military spokesperson as local headquarters and ammunition dumps of terrorist groups. One was a base near the southern Lebanese port city of Sidon used by Al Fatah, the military arm of the Palestinian Liberation Organization controlled by Arafat.

The other target, in the Damour area south of Beirut, was a base used by a pro-Syrian militia, the spokesman said. He did not elaborate.

The Israeli air force made similar strikes in Lebanon on Oct. 21, 24 and 26, following a sharp escalation in terrorism in the region.

Two weeks ago, a car-bomb attack on an Israeli patrol in the border security zone killed eight Israeli soldiers and wounded seven. Last week, Israeli forces in Lebanon arrested nine terrorists plotting attacks in northern Israel.

Last week's raid also came two days after the firebombing of an Israeli passenger bus outside of Jericho, and a day after 3 Jerusalem residents suffered burns when a petrol bomb was thrown at their car in East Jerusalem.

One of them, Yoheved Feibish, 24, was seriously injured. She has burns on 30% of her body, mainly the face, back, and hands. About one-third of the burns are third degree, a physician at Shaare Zedek Hospital, where she was being treated, said.

The attack was one of the most serious in the capital since the beginning of the uprising, a police spokesman said. Ten of the 30 suspects were detained immediately after the incident.

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The PLO and a group of its supporters in the territories, issued statements on the Jericho bus attack, denouncing violence against both Israeli and Palestinian civilians.

"We condemn the killings of unarmed Palestinians, and also denounce the killings of Israeli civilians," a PLO spokesman in Cairo said. "Whoever the perpetrators, such acts underline the dire need for peace."

A group of prominent Palestinians in the territories issued the following statement:

"Jewish victims who fell in Jericho, as well as Palestinian victims, children, women and the aged, who fall daily in the West Bank and Gaza, reflect the tragic side of the conflict in the area. They also point out the urgent need for a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians, based on the right of all peoples to self-determination and to live in peace and security within their independent states.

"We denounce acts of violence against civilians on both sides, and add our voices to those calling for acceleration of the peace process, in order to achieve a just settlement."

Among the 14 signatories were Al-Fajr editor Hanna Siniora, Gaza lawyer Fayez Abu Rahme, deposed Hebron mayor Mustafa Natshe, Bir Zeit University president Gabi Baramki, Nablus businessman Said Kanaan, newspaper editor Ziad Abu Zayad, and journalist Daoud Kuttab.

A different tone, however, was reflected by the PLO news agency Wafa, which said in Tunis that the media attention given to the slain Israelis showed what it called the bigotry of Israel. The commentary neither condemned, praised nor mentioned responsibility for the bus attack.

In a message to President Chaim Herzog, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak also expressed his "sorrow" over the "intensification of violent incidents recently which cause harm to the cause of peace."

A similar message was sent to Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Vice Premier Shimon Peres.

Cosmetic changes to Kach pledged

By
YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Rabbi Meir Kahane, whose Kach party was banned by Israel's highest court from running in Knesset elections, said last week that he intends to change the name of his party and make some "cosmetic changes" in the party's platform so he can run in Israel's next election.

Speaking at a news conference at the Grand Hyatt Hotel here, the American-born Rabbi said he will change the name of his party from Kach, or "thus," to Koach, or "strength."

"On the political level we will make only cosmetic changes," he said. "We will not change our principles."

Kahane said that the newly named party will use only quotes from the Bible to advocate its policies.

Kahane said that he will announce the formation of Koach when he returns to Israel this week. He predicted that no party will win a decisive majority and that Israelis will have to go to the polls again in the near future.

Kahane claimed that Kach was going to capture between eight and 10 seats in the next Knesset.

"Likud was terrified that I will take away from them at least five seats," Kahane said.

He blamed the Likud and its leader, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, with being "the major force" behind the move to ban Kach and disqualify it from running in the election.

Kach was banned from running in the elections on the grounds that it is racist and opposed to the democratic nature of the state.

"I am not a racist," Kahane said. "Every law I proposed in the Knesset was based on Judaism." He charged that the banning of Kach is "a blow to democracy."

"Even if I were a racist," Kahane argued, "how can they ban me and still be a democracy?"

Kahane, who appeared composed and confident, said that "it is not relevant whether the Labor or Likud" will be victorious in the elections because neither has the answers to Israel's problems.

"The solution is to move the Arabs (from Israel) — without asking if they want to leave," Kahane said.

The founder of the Jewish Defence League said that the Arabs of Israel, who are Israeli citizens, are "more dangerous" than the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

"A forceful transfer is the only solution," he said firmly.

Kahane predicted that soon the Palestinian uprising will spill into Israel proper. "The Arabs within the Green Lines are completely behind the intifada," he maintained, warning that sooner or later the Jews in Israel will start reacting with violence against the rioting Arabs.

Kahane, who renounced his American citizenship in order to run for the Knesset, said that he now seeks to regain his citizenship because "The U.S. will never allow me in America on a visa."

The U.S. state department had barred Kahane's entry into the United States because of his renouncement.

But a U.S. District Judge issued a temporary restraining order Oct. 26, which allows Kahane to enter this country until a federal court rules on his lawsuit.

Former Speaker Savidor dies

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Menachem Savidor, a former Speaker of the Knesset and a member of its Likud faction, died of a heart attack at Ichilov hospital here last week at the age of 70.

Savidor entered political life in 1977 when Likud unseated the Labor Party after 30 years of governing Israel.

He was elected speaker in 1981 and was also, for a time, director general of the transport ministry and of Israel Railways.

He was forced out of Likud in 1984 after he supported an opposition call for a secret ballot, which led to the breakup of the Likud-led coalition.

Savidor was born in Russia and came to Palestine in 1940, travelling via China and Japan.

He served in a Palestinian unit of the British army during World War II and later in the Israel Defence Force, where he attained the rank of lieutenant colonel.

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Election Update

Mount Royal Liberal pursued by two young candidates

Finestone takes nothing for granted in riding

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Incumbent Mount Royal Liberal Sheila Finestone is being pursued by two young men these days. Finestone, who holds one of the safest Liberal seats in Canada (it was held by Pierre Trudeau for 19 years), is seeking re-election, while rookies Progressive Conservative Robert Presser, 23, and New Democrat Tariq Alvi, 27, are trying to do what in the past would have been next to impossible.

Mount Royal has the largest number and percentage of Jewish voters of any riding in Canada (34,900 and 38.3%, respectively, according to 1986 census figures). It also has a high proportion of elderly persons, and a major issue in the riding in the campaign has been trying to enumerate all of these people.

The CJN interviewed the three candidates, asking each the same set of questions. Here is how they responded, in alphabetical order:

Tariq Alvi believes affirmative action programs for minorities are "extremely important" and that current employment equity legislation should be extended to force all businesses dealing with the government to comply.

A Moslem whose parents came from Pakistan, Alvi thinks Canada should continue to be a good friend of Israel, but that "the government might be a little more helpful in suggesting ways to bring the (Arab-Israeli) conflict to an end."

Canada should only consider recognition of the PLO, if "the Palestinian leadership states a clear and unequivocal intention to recognize the right of Israel to exist. This could be rewarded by Canada."

On hate legislation, Alvi believes there is little more the government can do until the Supreme Court rules one way or the other on the line separating freedom of speech and group slander.

On Nazi war criminals, Alvi says Canada should accept evidence from Eastern bloc countries, if the crimes were committed there.

Any delay in implementing the recommendations of the Deschenes Commission may be due to the fact that the war criminal issue has been a "delicate" one among Canadians of East European origin.

Alvi thinks there is little more the Canadian government can do at this time to increase Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union. As long as glasnost continues to foster change in the Soviet Union, Alvi feels there is no need for punitive action of any kind.

On free trade, Alvi maintains that small and medium businesses will be "hard hit" by the agreement struck by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney because it "does not guarantee access to the U.S. market."

Sheila Finestone

Born in Britain, Alvi and his family emigrated to Saskatchewan in 1970. Alvi, who has a law degree, moved to Montreal about a year ago, and works as a legal researcher for the Centre for Research Action on Race Relations.

He lives just on the border of Mount Royal riding.

Alvi sees no incongruity in a Moslem running in such a heavily Jewish riding. "I think Muslims and Jews share common concerns related to secularization and assimilation."

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Sheila Finestone, 61, who won Mount Royal in 1984 by 4,000 votes, says she is "taking nothing for granted" this time around. The riding has been enlarged, with the southern boundary extended to Dupuis Ave.

Finestone claims her greatest accomplishment as an MP was convincing Justice Jules Deschenes to recommend trial of war criminals in Canada. She stresses that this should apply to all war criminals who reside in Canada, not just former Nazis.

Eastern Bloc evidence should be accepted, as long as it is in accordance with the Canadian understanding of justice. She is satisfied with the pace of the government's action on the Deschenes report findings.

Like Alvi, Finestone is a strong advocate of affirmative action, and believes current legislation is inadequate. C-62, the employment equity law, has a "marvellous preamble, but has no teeth. Pretty packaging will not accomplish the task."

Its flaws, according to Finestone, are that compliance is voluntary and sanctions don't exist. She also believes the law should apply to businesses dealing with the government.

On hate legislation, Finestone thinks that the freedoms guaranteed by the Charter of Rights imply responsibilities as well. "Multiculturalism is too new, too fragile. It needs protection. The government will have to review (current anti-hate laws), if they are not strong to prevent incitement to hatred."

As a longtime volunteer in the Jewish community before entering politics, Finestone's steadfast support for Israel and Soviet Jewry are well known. "I started the Soviet Jewry movement in Montreal. I was there outside Aeroflot in 1972."

Canada should continue to give Israel "strong, unequivocal support" because it is a democracy, and should "enable dialogue and decision-making between the principals involved and concerned," she said.

She denounced the Montebello meeting between Canadian Jews and Arabs, because of the secrecy surrounding it. "Joe Clark should never have allowed it to happen."

Canada should not consider recognition of the PLO until it has shown respect not only for Israel, but for the lives of fellow Arabs as well. "Look at the fratricide that is going on in the Arab world."

As for Soviet Jewry, Finestone commented that the solution lies in the Soviet Union's compliance with the Helsinki Accords. "The Soviet Jewry issue can be summed up 'let my people know or let my people go.'"

Tariq Alvi

The free trade deal will hurt local businesses "in the long run," Finestone said. "The Reagan-Mulroney deal is not free trade, it's not even fair trade. We signed before we read the fine print."

Finestone was president of the Women's Federation of Allied Jewish Community Services and the Federation des femmes du Quebec, the largest women's group in the province. She has been the Liberals' critic on the status of women and, most recently, communications and culture critic.

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When it comes to Israel, Robert Presser is uncompromising. Named for an uncle who died in Israel's War of Independence, Presser believes Israel should not accept any peace settlement requiring it to give up the West Bank because that is "holy land" and militarily indispensable. The Gaza strip, being "less strategically important," may be negotiable.

Presser, one of only two Jewish PC candidates in Quebec, is displeased the Jewish community has not been more appreciative of Mulroney's "ardent support" for Israel. Last December, when Mulroney said Israel was acting with "restraint," Presser said. Mulroney got 400 letters from Arabs complaining, and only 12 from Jews thanking him.

Presser said Clark's contentious address to the Canada-Israel Conference in March condemning Israeli action was "never government policy; it should never have been made."

He said the Prime Minister's Office almost stopped the address, but was too late. "But the Prime Minister repudiated it, standing up and saying it's wrong. Period."

Canada should continue to play a peacekeeping role in the Middle East and, as a middle power, may be able to sponsor "meaningful dialogue" in the region, without the United States and Soviet Union.

Canada should not recognize the PLO unless it recognizes Israel's right to exist and renounces violence.

Presser would like to see the anti-hate law struck down by the Alberta Court of Appeal in the Jim Keegstra case restored because "the Jewish community more than any other knows the effects of discrimination."

Robert Presser

Presser is in favor of trial of Nazi war criminals in Canada, but is wary of acceptance of Eastern Bloc evidence. "It would have to be sifted for its validity. We should be careful."

He is concerned with the slowness of the implementation of the Deschenes report. "It will only move forward if we all speak up."

On Soviet Jewry, he said pressure should be stronger than ever on Moscow for the freedom of Soviet Jews because in the climate of glasnost more may be achieved. Economic pressure by Canada, he believes, would be ineffective.

On free trade, Presser says fears the garment industry will suffer are unfounded. "The garment industry will be one of the last group of businesses exposed to full free trade. It can adapt. This industry has some of the sharpest and most agile business people there are."

A graduate of Jewish People's and Peretz Schools and Bialik High School, Presser was born and raised in Mount Royal riding. He holds a business degree from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales, and currently works as a representative for NCR marketing its computer systems.

A Tory since his CEGEP days at Marianopolis College, where he was president of the PC Club, Presser has been an active youth organizer for the party at the federal and provincial levels.

Que. Arab community rallies support for NDP

MONTREAL —

A movement is afoot in Quebec's Arab community to rally support for the New Democratic Party among sympathizers of the Palestinian cause.

Individuals active in the local Arab community have sent out a letter urging support in particular for Michel Agnaieff, an associate president of the NDP and the candidate in Duvernay.

The letter says Agnaieff was born and raised in Cairo and speaks fluent Arabic. He is "one of the rare politicians to reach a verdict without ambiguity for the rights to self-dertermination of the Palestinians."

The letter also urges support for three other NDP candidates of Arab origin: Noureddine Razik who is running in Pierrefonds-Dollard, John Shatilla in Laval des Rapides, and Rezeq Faraj in South Shore St. Jean.

Faraj was director of the Association Quebec-Palestine, a pro-PLO organization which had its office at the Confederation of National Trade Unions for several years.

The letter was signed by Rachad Antonius, Qussai Samak, Hamid Laidaoui and Mohamed Lofti. It was apprently sent to persons on the mailing list of the local office of the Palestinian Red Crescent.

The letter notes that it is time for 50,000 Quebecers of Arab origin to "make their presence felt . . . on the political scene."

They say Arab Canadians must support candidates who are "particularly interested in the Arab region and who wish to see a just and lasting peace established there."

Agnaieff said there is a trend among second-generation Arab-Canadians to become involved in the political process, and a "significant" number have chosen the NDP for its policies in general, as well as its stance on the Middle East.

The NDP passed a resolution on the Arab-Israeli conflict a couple of years ago which called for a settlement between Israelis and Palestinians, with the latter choosing its own representatives.

The NDP says the Palestinians should have their own "territory," said Agnaieff, the son of Russian emigres to Egypt, but Israel's security must be guaranteed.

The NDP position is "moderate," he said, and not much different from what is advocated by Israeli Labor Party leader Shimon Peres. Those Arab-Canadians attracted to the NDP are also moderates, who want to see a peaceful settlement of the problem, he said.

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Veteran Orlikow faces challenge in Winnipeg North

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg North, with a Jewish population of 5,970 (according to the 1986 census) has been a New Democratic Party stronghold for decades and has been represented by NDP David Orlikow for the past 26 years.

Orlikow is in the running once again. His challengers this time are Norman Isler, superintendent of schools for the Seven Oaks School Division (which covers most of the riding) for the Progressive Conservatives, and Dr. Rey Pagtakhan, a Winnipeg physician, carrying the Liberal Party banner.

Both Orlikow and Pagtakhan indicated concern about regional disparity and unequal distribution of wealth in this country. Pagtakhan wants to defend Winnipeg's and Manitoba's interests in Ottawa.

Orlikow talks about rising unemployment and growing poverty across the land. "It is a disgrace that more and more people have to turn to food banks to eat," he said.

PC candidate Isler supports the proposed free trade deal with the United States arguing the agreement will open new markets for Canadian entrepreneurs and lead to growth both in Manitoba's manufacturing and service sectors.

Pagtakhan counters that as a result of the deal Canada will lose its sovereign right to control its resources and social programs and a lot of technical jobs and jobs in fields normally open to women will be lost. Orlikow thinks the deal is a disaster for Canada.

All the candidates ageee on the importance of and need for affirmative action programs for minorities and women. As director of the Jewish Labor Committee affiliated with the Canadian Jewish Congress for 40 years, Orlikow says he has played an important role in getting such legislation passed.

"You need the will as well as the words and the law," the New Democrat said. "This Conservative government has done little to implement affirmative action programs. Voluntary programs are useless."

Isler on the other hand ticked off a number of affirmative action initiatives from the Conservative government including the Employment Equity Act which commits the government to affirmative action hiring throughout its own departments and in companies doing government work.

On the issue of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, Orlikow and Pagtakhan agree the pressure should be maintained and the emigres should be welcomed in Canada. Isler pointed to the Mulroney government's continuing diplomatic efforts in this area noting that Canadian pressure played a role in the release of Ida Nudel, Natan Sharansky and Vladimir Slepak.

All candidates agree Nazi War criminals living in Canada should be tried here. "It should have been done many years ago," said Orlikow. He blames the Mackenzie King government for not taking action when members of the French Vichy regime started coming to Canada.

Isler said the Mulroney government, in appointing the Deschenes Commission, was the first to really act on the issue. He claims there has been no delay in following up the commission's recommendations.

"Investigations are underway and agreements have been entered into with Israel, The Netherlands and several East Bloc countries to facilitate the gathering of evidence," he said.

On the hate literature issue, Isler said federal and provincial justice officials are reviewing recommendations by the Law Reform Commission for changes to the hate propaganda sections of the Criminal Code.

Orlikow quoted the great American jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes to the effect that the right to express oneself stops when the fist hits someone's mouth.

"Hate propaganda," said Pagtakhan, "is contrary to Canadian tradition and in violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms' provision respecting the multicultural nature of Canada." Freedom of speech is not a licence to spread hate propaganda," he added.

Pagtakhan believes Canada's relationship with Israel should continue to be based on mutual respect and trust as sovereign states with equal status. "Canadian recognition of the PLO hinges on its willingness to disavow violence, accept the State of Israel with guaranteed secure borders and agree to live in peace with Israel," he said.

While Orlikow is a supporter of Israel, he said he shares the views of Abba Eban. "I don't necessarily believe the government of Israel is always right," he said, "and I am not enthused about many of the things going on there now.

"At some point, the government of Israel will have to negotiate with Palestinian representatives. Israel cannot choose who those representatives will be."

Isler stressed Canada's historic support for Israel as well as the Mulroney government's strong backing.

In the search for peace in the area, he considers it essential that the forces of reasonableness and moderation on both sides receive Canadian support and encouragement.

Zundel's lawyer contests BC riding

Fringe parties vie for seats

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

When people ponder where to cast their ballots in the Nov. 21 federal election, chances are that in the vast majority of cases, they will consider one of the three big parties.

While the Progressive Conservatives, Liberals and New Democrats will, when the smoke clears, no doubt possess most, if not all the 295 seats in the next parliament, a bewildering array of smaller parties are also contesting the election.

Many of them sport familiar names from past ballots, like the irreverent Rhino Party, Social Credit, Communist, Libertarian and Confederation of Regions-Western parties.

Another group is back with a new name: the Party for Commonwealth-Republic (PCR), formerly Party for the Commonwealth of Canada (PCC).

And there are also the environmentalist Green Party, the Christian Heritage Party of Canada and a number of independent candidates.

Among the latter is a name familiar to Canadian Jews. Victoria lawyer Doug Christie is contesting the seat in the BC riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands, currently held by Conservative Patrick Crofton.

Christie, whose acerbic courtroom manner as lawyer for twice convicted Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel and former school teacher Jim Keegstra gained him national attention, is president of the separatist Western Canada Concept Party, though he is running as an independent.

Christie's chances of taking the seat were dealt something of a blow by the creation of the conservative Reform Party, which calls for a greater Western voice in confederation, according to Erwin Nest, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific Region. The Reform Party, he said, appears to be attracting some of the voters who might otherwise support Christie, with its platform of redressing regional injustices and inequality.

Meanwhile, BC journalist Doug Collins ran into problems when Reform Party leader Preston Manning refused to sign his nomination papers.

Collins, who testified on behalf of Zundel at his first "false news" trial in 1985 and who favors extremely restrictive immigration to Canada, refused to sign a document stating opposition to racism. Collins declined to sign, arguing it would infringe on his right to free speech.

Collins penned an article this summer for a North Vancouver newspaper in which he questioned "the so-called Holocaust."

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The Reform Party, said Alan Shefman, national director of B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights, is making every attempt to distance itself from that element.

A report on the party provided by Nest says Manning "describes himself as a 'committed evangelical Christian.'"

The Christian Heritage Party (CHP) is basically a conservative, Christian fundamentalist party, Shefman said, adding he was concerned a Canadian party would run in a multicultural society on a platform advocating the views of a particular religious group.

According to Nest, CHP has a special appeal in British Columbia, which has a large population of North Europeans of Protestant origin.

The party is promoting its "very strong anti-abortion views, its support of free trade and an emphasis on the family based on views of the Christian faith," Nest said.

It has been running some "unsophisticated" ads on television trumpeting itself as "a reasonable alternative in Ottawa to express concerns based on Christian principles."

CHP has "a certain appeal" in the province's "Bible belt," he added, while reports from southern Ontario indicate a rural base for the party in that province.

The Party for the Commonwealth-Republic (PCR), whose initials resemble those of the mainstream Progressive Conservative Party (PC), is a forum for the supporters of Lyndon LaRouche, the U.S.-based leader who holds off-the-wall political views.

According to a study of LaRouche provided by B'nai B'rith, LaRouche denies the Holocaust, claiming it to be "a commonplace delusion of the American Zionist or Zionist fellow traveller."

He has stated the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a Czarist forgery, has "a hard kernel of truth," and his followers believe world drug sales are controlled by the British royal family.

The PCR, which has its strongest support in Quebec, claims the Bronfman family, Pierre Juneau, Pierre Trudeau and B'nai B'rith, among others, are part of an imagined world conspiracy.

According to Bernie Farber, CJC director of research, the Confederation of Regions-Western Party is strongly opposed to bilingualism. Launched in 1981 by Edmonton tractor parts dealer Elmer Knutson, it advocates an extremely restrictive immigration policy.

A report provided by Nest notes that "according to (party director) Geoffrey Fenton, CoR 'is founded on the principles of Common Law, laissez-faire capitalism and the Christian belief in the right of the individual to complete freedom. All of our beliefs are indoctrinated in conservatism, with things like capital punishment, the end of open door immigration, the end of metric, bilingualism and all forced government intervention, like book banning.'"

Running for the CoR in Mississauga East is Paul Fromm, a controversial advocate of restrictive immigration to Canada. In 1985, during Keegstra's trial for promoting hatred against Jews, Fromm appeared in a 3-city speaking tour in Alberta with Christie and others, arguing on behalf of freedom of speech.

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President honored on Wiesenthal's 80th birthday

Reagan speech recalls lessons of Kristallnacht

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Looking back 50 years on the horrors of Kristallnacht in Nazi Germany, President Reagan pledged last week his country's vigilance "in the battle against those who would follow Hitler's example" and declared that Americans "have no better friends than the people of Israel."

In a departure from his prepared text, Reagan announced that he will shortly sign legislation which will finally allow American participation in the international convention against genocide.

Reagan's remarks were frequently interrupted by extended applause from 2,000 supporters of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, who were at a dinner to mark Wiesenthal's 80th birthday and to confer the center's 1988 Humanitarian Award on the president.

Reagan used the occasion to reiterate the need for a strong U.S. defence posture. "The fact is that a strong Israel depends on a strong America," he said.

Such strength and resolve, he added, "coupled with diplomatic vision and a commitment to political reconciliation, are essential if Israel is to help achieve a negotiated settlement among the war-weary people of the Middle East."

The President reviewed relations between Israel and the U.S. over the last five years, pointing to successful negotiations of a strategic understanding and free trade area.

Reagan spoke of "the promise that we would not permit Israel to lose its qualitative edge in the Middle East — and we delivered on that promise," he declared.

Wiesenthal, whose energetic delivery belied his 80 years, recalled his 40-year battle to bring Nazi war criminals to justice.

The motive, he said, was not an unattainable revenge for the murder of six million Jews, but "as a warning to all those who might be tempted to participate in another genocide.

"We proved that there is no escape, not even 40 or 50 years later, and there is no place on the face of the earth where they can ever feel safe and secure."

Sharing in the evening's honors was Nancy Reagan, who accepted the Wiesenthal Center's first Beit Hashoah — Museum of Tolerance Award for Public Service.

Ben Kingsley served as the master of ceremonies. The British actor portrays Wiesenthal in the forthcoming HBO film Murderers Among Us, based on the Nazi-hunter's life.

The Wiesenthal Center, founded in 1977, is dedicated to the study of the Holocaust and claims a membership of 370,000 families.

U.S. alliance with Israel affirmed in speech

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan says that Israel has never had a better ally than the United States.

But he still defends the U.S. arms sales to Arab countries and said that Israel should not oppose such sales.

Answering questions at the World Affairs Council in Los Angeles last week the President also insisted that a Bush administration would continue to support Israel very strongly.

"I don't think that any country has ever had a stronger ally than Israel has in the United States of America, and it's going to remain that way. I believe," Reagan said.

He said that the U.S. has tried to reassure Israel of this support because "technically there is still a state of war in the Middle East — that war has not been ended."

The U.S., Reagan continued, has tried "to bring to the Middle East — to help bring — a plan for peace among the people who must live there together in all of those several nations."

Because of the technical state of war between Israel and several of its Arab neighbors, Reagan said, the United States has insisted that weapons it sells to the Arabs can be used only for "self-defence; they can never use them to become aggressors and start a war."

Reagan said that such restrictions are inserted into the arms contracts which the U.S. insists the Arab countries sign. But he conceded that Israel still worries about these sales.

"I can understand Israel's worrying about what happens if these countries that have been so hostile, and where there is this state of war, are armed better and so forth," he said.

"On the other hand, if we are to be able to persuade those countries to come in and join in a conference to bring peace to that troubled part of the world, I think they have to see us as being willing to be fair and friends of theirs just as they now see us as, what I said before, the best friend of Israel."

The President said that the United States must be "careful" in concluding arms sales to Arab countries. "We're not going overboard," he said. "We're not going to create any armed monsters and aggressor nations there, but I do think that our judgment should be respected on when we have decided that we can make a sale of that kind, that we should be allowed to do so because, once again, our pledge to Israel is that, if anyone violated that contract to use them there, Israel would have an ally — the United States."

U.S. secretary of defence visits Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Secretary of Defence Frank Carlucci arrived here last week for a round of meetings with Israeli leaders, in what is probably his last encounter before the change of administrations in Washington.

Carlucci appeared on the final leg of a three-nation tour of the region that also took him to Jordan and Egypt.

Before leaving Cairo Carlucci asserted that the United States will continue to foster the Middle East peace regardless of who is the next Prime Minister of Israel and whatever the composition of the new government.

Later, during a tour of Israel Defence force installations while accompanying Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Carlucci said that relations between the United States and Israel "could not be better at this point."

Carlucci was greeted at the airport by Rabin and Chief of Staff Gen. Dan Shomron. He later met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Their talks were reported to have focused on mutual strategic cooperation. Israel's objections to American arms sales to Arab states also are believed to have been raised.

But observers here played down the importance of the visit, inasmuch as both Carlucci and Rabin will soon leave office.

Refusenik Elena Keis gets permission to leave

By BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

Leningrad Refusenik Elena Keis is packing her bags after being told by Soviet officials she and her family can emigrate to Israel.

Keis, a leading figure in the women's Refusenik movement in the Soviet Union, received the news early last week after learning her classification of possessing state secrets had been lifted.

The 46-year-old former radio engineer has been battling for more than 14 years to be reunited with her family in Israel. Her sister, Anna Rosnovsky, is a violinist with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Keis, the adopted Refusenik of Toronto Jewish Congress's Jewish Women's Federation, will fly to Israel with her 36-year-old husband, Giorgi Kuna, an engineer, and their 18-year-old son, Andrei.

"I'm extremely happy," Keis told Soviet Jewry activist Genya Intrator in Russian shortly after hearing her secrecy classification had been removed.

"I can't wait for the moment to be in Israel to be reunited with all my loved ones," she said in the telephone call made on behalf of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

But, commenting on the prospect of other Refuseniks receiving permission to emigrate, Keis said: "What do we know about that?

"Look at my case. Yesterday there was total darkness and today it's all light.

"For others it's still total darkness, but tomorrow there may also be light."

Keis said she and her family expect to leave for Israel in about two months.

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October's figures for Soviet Jewish emigration showed a slight increase from the previous month and again, as in September, was the largest monthly total since April, 1980 when 2,469 Jews left the USSR, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry said in a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

A total of 2,068 Jews left the USSR in October, of whom 192, or 9.3%, went to Israel.

October's figure — an increase of less than 1% from September when 2,051 Jews left the USSR — brings this year's total so far to 13,306, the highest number since 1980 when 21,471 Jews emigrated.

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A last-minute hitch in emigration procedure is preventing Moscow Refusenik Boris Chernobilsky, one of four former Prisoners of Zion still remaining in the USSR, and his family from receiving exit visas, Intrator says.

However, activists believe the matter will soon be resolved.

The Chernobilskys — including Boris' wife, Elena, their three children and son-in-law — have already received an official card from OVIR in Moscow granting them permission to emigrate, Intrator said

But Soviet officials have since discovered a 13-year-old letter in the family's file from Elena's elderly mother who at the time refused to sign a waiver releasing Elena of financial obligations.

As a result, Soviet officials are now refusing to give the Chernobilskys exit visas unless Elena's mother signs the release.

But former Moscow Refusenik Natasha Khassin, a close friend of the Chernobilskys, has told Intrator and Stan Solomon, Beth Tikvah Synagogue's Soviet Jewry chairman that she believes the matter will be resolved because "people at the highest level are working on behalf of the Chernobilskys."

Intrator, who spoke to Khassin in a telephone call to Detroit made on behalf of the shul, said the hitch is not uncommon in Refusenik cases. "Very often the Soviets do that kind of last minute harrassment," she said.

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Leningrad Refusenik Roald Zelichonok is one of three nominees for the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of the Mind, to be awarded for the first time in December, says a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report from Brussels.

The 52-year-old former electrical engineer was selected by the parliament's political commission, along with two other nominees — political prisoner Nelson Mandela, founder of the African National Congress, and the late Anatoly Marchenko, a Soviet dissident who died in Chistapol prison last year after a hunger strike.

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Faulty system

Israel has just had its most important election ever and once again we rejoice in the spectacle of voters casting their ballots in the only genuine democracy in the Middle East. In this regard, the dismay coming from the country's neighbors is nothing if not ironic — would that there be election results to criticize in Syria and Jordan.

It is to the credit of the leaders of Israel's two major parties that there was serious debate, mudslinging notwithstanding, on the territories and their ultimate status. This issue, involving as it does the achievement of a peace settlement with the Arabs, remains the most important question because it will decide what kind of country Israel is to be.

Whoever forms the government, this crucial problem remains as does the who is a Jew quandary — issues in which Diaspora Jews have an important stake. The travails of coalition-building lie ahead and it is our hope that the temptations of short-term considerations can be resisted so as not to allow extremism and polarization to prevail over the country's real needs.

Once again Israel's electoral system of proportional representation creates the familiar scene of Likud and Labor seeking the support of tiny political parties to form a government. Whatever one thinks of their philosophies, these small groupings have power in coalition politics far out of proportion to their actual strength in the population.

While Israeli politicians pay lip service to the idea of electoral reform, they choose not to act for reasons of their own. In the national unity government before the election, Labor and Likud had the perfect opportunity to effect change but failed to act conclusively on proposals moving at least tentatively in the direction of district representation.

What happens after the voting is also an important part of democracy and pure proportional representation is a system guaranteed to produce political fragmentation and chaos. It is high time for electoral reform although given Israel's current political constellation, it is not clear whether another opportunity will arise again soon. Since so many of Israel's problems flow from the effects of its electoral system, the Diaspora should make its views clear about much-needed change.

Book Month

Years ago, when Jewish Book Month was celebrated, the number of Canadian Jews represented on the lists of published authors was modest indeed. They were vastly outnumbered by the dominant American novelists and non fiction writers.

Felicitously, the situation has changed. Canadian Jews, spurred on perhaps by the general renascence of culture and belles lettres in this country, have begun to assume a much larger profile in the literary life of the dominion.

That profile is enhanced by the various Jewish book fairs which are now staged annually in the major Jewish population centres across Canada. These fairs not only expose fairgoers to readings and talks by Canadian writers but they make available in one setting a large selection of books of Jewish interest.

In this context we note with approbation the publication of Irving M. Zeitlin's *Jesus and the Judaism of His Time (Oxford)*, a survey of ancient Judaism written by a sociologist at the University of Toronto. Historical scholarship also animates *Old Wounds (Penguin)*, an analysis of Ukrainian-Jewish tensions, coauthored by Harold Troper and Morton Weinfeld.

The three outstanding memoirs published this season are Saul Rubinek's *So Many Miracles (Viking)*, a riveting tale of Holocaust survivors; Erna Paris' *The Garden and the Gun (Lester & Orpen Denys)* a touching essay on the author's personal encounter with Israel, and Fredelle Bruser Maynard's *The Tree of Life (Penguin)*, an autobiographical record of Jewish roots in western Canada.

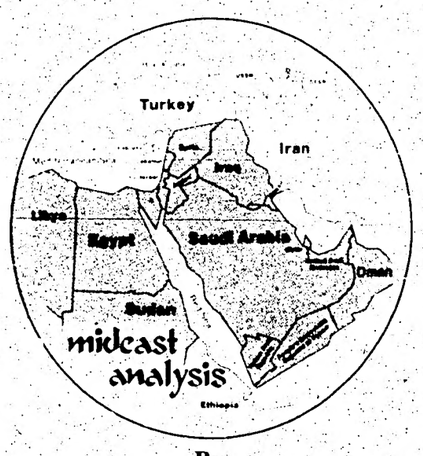
While we celebrate the strong showing of Jewish authors this season, it must be noted that there is one area in which Jews in this country have not made a serious dent. With rare exceptions, Canadian Jews have made no significant contributions this year, in terms of books, to the classical areas of Jewish learning — Bible, Talmud, Midrash. The paucity of solid Jewish scholarship in Canada becomes all the more obvious when compared to the large number of learned works on Jewish themes published this fall in the United States.

In mitigation it can be said that Canadian Jewry is much younger and smaller than its American cousin and that it is only a matter of time before Canadian Jews leave their mark on the traditional areas of Jewish scholarship.

We certainly hope so.

Israeli troops patrol Nablus, the largest town on the West Bank. [IPPA photo]

Media endure restrictions



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Palestinian uprising in the territories has created a rift between the media and the Israeli authorities.

This was inevitable, given the seriousness of the *intifada* and the insatiable appetite of the media for fresh and, if possible, controversial news.

Once it became apparent that the unrest on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip was really a fullfledged Palestinian rebellion against two decades of Israeli military rule, rather than just another routine outbreak of violence, the media rushed in reinforcements.

For historical and sociological reasons, Israel has always fascinated the media, with the result that the Jewish state has received a disproportionate amount of attention from the print and electronic media. Israelis haven't particularly minded this blanket coverage when it has been of a positive nature. But when the opposite has been true, as it was after Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982, they've cried foul.

Since the start of the uprising some 11 months ago, Israelis, as well as Jews in the Diaspora, have had little reason to be pleased with Israel's image in the media.

In a word, it has been poor.

Not all that long ago, Israel invariably benefited from the fact that, in its struggle against the combined might of the Arab world, it was the brave, resourceful underdog fighting for its very survival.

But in the daily confrontations which pit the powerful Israeli army against Palestinians throwing rocks, stones, Molotov cocktails and anything else they can lay their hands on, Israel is perceived in a different fashion, as a nation which is suppressing the legitimate national rights of a downtrodden people.

In this kind of situation, in this public relations battle, Israel is at a distinct disadvantage. The leaders of the uprising are fully aware of what is happening and they are doing their utmost to maximize their gains, which have been considerable.

In its efforts to crush the revolt, the gravest challenge to Israel's presence in the territories since the Six Day War, Israel has felt the need to restrict media reporting of the historic events currently unfolding from Nablus to Gaza.

Although the restrictions have been incremental, they form "a comprehensive pattern of limitations," as one commentator has put it.

Reporters no longer have direct access to areas where disturbances are taking place. The army uses its authority to declare closed military zones. Sometimes, the territories have been sealed off.

The army spokesman's office in Jerusalem, once a major source of news for journalists covering the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, appears to have been playing down the scope of the rioting. And information on many punitive and bureaucratic measures taken against Palestinians has not been released by the ministry of defence. Naturally, Israel's credibility has been damaged.

Israeli and foreign reporters have reported numerous cases of rough treatment by soldiers, and at least one of these incidents has been photographed and reported in the press.

Physical abuse reported

Last summer, the Foreign Press Association in Jerusalem held a news conference and accused the Israeli police of physically assaulting journalists performing their duties. The chairman of the association, Bob Slater, a Time Magazine correspondent, charged there had been from 100 to 150 incidents of physical abuse, and that material had been confiscated from foreign correspondents on arriving or leaving Ben-Gurion Airport.

There seems little doubt that the full weight of the restrictions have fallen most heavily on Palestinian journalists. About 30 of them have been arrested or placed under administrative detention; Arab media outlets such as the Palestine Press Service and the Arab Office for Press Services have been closed; the East Jerusalem magazine, Al Awdah (in English and Arabic), has been shut down; several newspapers, including Al-Fajr and An-Nahar, have been banned from being distributed in the territories.

With one striking exception, such harsh measures have not been adopted in Israel per se. But Derech Hanitzotz, a left-wing newspaper with an insignificant circulation, has been closed and its Jewish editors arrested. The ministry of interior claims that Derech Hanitzotz was financed by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and that the editors themselves violated a law prohibiting membership in, or contact with, a terrorist group.

However true or false these charges may be, the fact is that Derech Hanitzotz incurred the wrath of the authorities. The publication, which printed separate Hebrew and Arabic editions, ran highly critical accounts of the army's activities in trying to suppress the uprising, published photographs of Arab children who allegedly had been tortured in a refugee camp, called for the return of all the territories to Arab control and the creation of a Palestinian state, and came out in favor of recognition of the PLO and of a "new democratic regime" within Israel itself.

(Before the authorities cracked down on Derech Hanitzotz, the leftist Alternative Information Centre in Jerusalem was closed and its director, Michael Warshawsky, was arrested for having breached the terms of the 1986 Prevention of Terrorism ordinance. In a related development, four Israeli Jews who had met with PLO members in Romania in 1986 were convicted of having violated that law.)

Clearly, all these developments have had a chilling effect on freedom of the press in Israel — the only democracy in the Middle East. And if the *intifada* grows in intensity, the government may well yet institute more restrictions against the media.

If it does so, the majority of Israelis would probably support the government. Public hostility toward the media is on the increase, and veteran Time Magazine photographer David Rubinger claims that the anti-media atmosphere prevailing today has been a contributory cause of random attacks by soldiers against journalists.

Typical of the negative attitude are remarks voiced recently by Haim Corfu, the Likud minister of transportation in the last government. He declared that the media "fans conflagration" in the territories, and recommended still further restrictions.

For his part, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said that if it could be shown that banning the press from the West Bank and Gaza Strip would enhance Israel's image, he would not hesitate to consider this draconian step.

In a recent speech, President Chaim Herzog singled out TV reporters for "aggravating" Israel's problems in the media. Certainly, Israel was badly battered when U.S. television networks showed a clip of four Israeli soldiers beating two Palestinians with rocks and rifle butts for 40 minutes.

As he put it: "With television you have a completely different situation because it features single dramatic, visual instants from which the viewer has to extrapolate a general picture. The distortion of the television camera is in the dramatization of the photographed event, transmitted to every corner of the earth, and purporting to show the entire story. But it doesn't."

Undoubtedly, Israel has a problem with the media. But it is hard to believe that it will go away. As long as the Palestinians continue to resist Israel's administration of the territories through violent means, and as long as Israel lashes back at these demonstrators, its already battered image is bound to be pummelled still more.

Opinion

Kristallnacht seen as rehearsal for Final Solution

ERNEST GUTER, a retired Montreal accountant and college teacher, was one of the refugees brought to Canada in 1941 and interned as an enemy alien. He recalls the infamous Kristallnacht.

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Some memories are never forgotten, no matter how long ago and how far away.

A date of infamous memory for me is Nov. 9, 1938 — Kristallnacht, or the Night of Broken Glass.

A Jewish young man named Grynszpan from Poland, living in France, learned that the Nazis had arrested and deported his parents.

He went berserk. Alone, he made his way to the German embassy, rang the doorbell and with one pistol shot he assassinated a minor German foreign official who happened to answer the door.

Two wrongs will never make a right. Certainly, this act of revenge did not, however understandable the provocation may have been. Instead, it created the second martyr of the Nazi movement. (The first one, of course, was the brown-shirted streetfighter Horst Wessel of Nazi anthem fame).

The Nazi government put into immediate execution a supposedly popular uprising, a so-called "Aktion," meaning a nationwide anti-Jewish pogrom, synchronized and coordinated by the powers of the state, the party and the Gestapo, as only the German mania for organizational management could devise it.

In that one night, there were "spontaneous" riots on the streets of every city and town of the nation which left every synagogue a burned-out ruin, every Jewish storefront smashed and every Jewish establishment looted. It was the broken glass of the German-Jewish shopwindows which gave this pogrom the name under which it is now known in history — Crystal Night.

Strange, how the supposedly uncontrollable rioters knew exactly which of the stores in this recently expanded nation of approximately 80 million people were owned by Jews.

At the same time as Jewish houses of worship and holy scriptures were burned and the looting and destruction of Jewish business establishments took place, people recognized as Jews on the streets and even people deemed to be Jewish, true or false, were beaten up — of course, no statistics were compiled.

It was a macabre irony that coincidentally with the nationwide anti-Jewish uprising, all German police forces under Gestapo direction visited every Jewish home and put all males over the age of 14 into what they called "Schutzhaft," protective custody.

Apprently, protection was not considered essential for Jewish women and children, because none were arrested. Naturally, our men, myself and my father did not dare stay home. Thousands were roaming the streets without shelter, desperate and hopeless.

Nazi troopers, SA in brown and SS in black uniforms, cruised in covered vans in full force and picked up any men on the street who they thought looked Jewish and brought these truckloads to Gestapo headquarters to be sorted out. Later, I stood in the crowd on the street and saw similar truckloads under guard leaving to a then unknown destination. This turned out to be the nearest concentration camp to the city of Berlin, Sachsenhausen.

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I grew up in a small city not far from Danzig (Gdansk), the name of which was Stolp, near the Baltic Sea. In 1938, life for Jews in such small provincial cities was already economically and demographically impossible and many of us had migrated to large cities, foremost, of course, Berlin.

In Stolp, we had two prominent Jewish doctors. One of them was Dr. Berlowitz, our family doctor, a majestic father figure sporting a magnificent beard, when most others obeyed the current fashion and were clean shaven.

The last time I saw him, he was sitting forlornly on a park bench near the Berlin zoo. This was in November. He was in shirtsleeves, without jacket, coat or hat. He did not see me, he did not see anybody. I shall never forget the look of despair on his face.

Another look of despair, equally unforgettable, was on my mother's face, when friends and relatives from the ghetto in the east end of Berlin warned us by phone to leave our home in Berlin's more fashionable west end. The fact that the Gestapo started their arrests with the greatest concentration of Jewish men gave us the opportunity to flee to the streets.

We two, father and son, walked the streets for hours, mostly along the fashionable Fifth Avenue of Berlin, the Kurfurstendamm. Often, we mingled with crowds of drunken, celebrating, smashing and looting riffraff. Always there were some brownshirts and blackshirts in sight. A coincidence? If you believe that, you will believe anything.

Many synagogues in Germany were burned out or down on Nov. 9, 1938 in what became known as the infamous Night of Crystal. The Hitler regime also put the torch to the synagogue in Berlin's Oranienburg St. (right) and hectored many into boycotting Jewish businesses (left).

When all is lost and when all hope is gone, can it be that God stretches out his hand and gives us the protection of a guardian angel? I have no better explanation to offer. In view of what happened next, and what has happened to me at several other occasions, the trite saying, "Just lucky I guess," is not good enough.

My father had an older sister, my aunt Berta. She was a very glamorous lady, good figure, beautiful features and in high demand by society ladies as a couturier. She ran her own hat making salon in a small store with a street entrance in a fashionable apartment building on a side street, just off the Kurfurstendamm.

The store had been smashed and looted. Just as we walked by, the landlord put up some rough boarding in front, which was a favorite pastime of many landlords all over Germany. He knew my father by sight. He also was a good friend of my aunt Berta. He beckoned us into the store, where we found already about half a dozen other Jewish men in hiding.

I never knew the name of that decent German landlord, nor would he have dared to give us his name. To become known as a protector of Jews would have been a one way ticket to Sachsenhausen.

This was a terribly stressful situation. Regretfully, I do not remember how many men shared our sanctuary, who they were and exactly how long we were in hiding there. It must have been several days.

I remember we had one toilet, but no paper, one small sink with running cold water, some broken chairs and tables, lots of broken mirror glass on the floor, but no broom and lots of mutilated and torn bolts of cloth and padding on which we sat and slept.

The kind and courageous landlord from time to time sent us some sandwiches and, occasionally, coffee. Of course, we had water from the tap. Somehow, I got the impression that the sandwiches were a cooperative effort of more than one of the inhabitants of the building, but I never knew for sure.

We never saw a face, other than the landlord's. He was blessed with a very nondescript appearance. A few weeks later, I already had trouble recalling what he actually looked like. What I remember about him best is that he absolutely and categorically refused to accept any money.

Truly, an exceptional German. In fact, an exceptional man.

The day came when he told us that the "Aktion" was over and that we would now be safe to go home. It did not take us long to leave. I stayed another four months in Germany. I did not dare to go home any more, because the janitor told me that there had been a telephone enquiry asking for me by name.

Instead, I lived in furnished rooms, always paying a week's rent, but moving on each third morning because Berlin janitors had to hand in a report on each new tenant at the district police station three days after moving in.

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I never met Anne Frank. But once in my life I learned to feel what she must have felt. Like her, I had the opportunity to write about it. I survived the ordeal. She did not.

Crystal Night and its sequel in Sachsenhausen, Dachau and elsewhere was a mere foretaste of things to come, a rehearsal for the "Final Solution."

Quality of water a concern

Ecological progress cited in Israel

By
LISA PERLMAN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Uri Baidats, head of Israel's Nature Reserves Authority, returned from a recent international conference on the environment with a grim message.

"The ecological problems in the world have brought us to the red line," he said. "If we don't, as a society, take corrective and preventive measures now, we will face an environmental holocaust by the turn of the century."

In the past, says Baidats, 61, "wildlife, flora, fauna, air and water was available without limitations. But we have broken away from nature. Every year in tropical regions, forests the size of Belgium are destroyed."

Israel, says Baidats, is a participant in several international efforts to offset environmental disaster. Studies undertaken at Ben-Gurion University's Desert Research Centre, for example, are aiding farmers in Africa, where overgrazing is a problem.

In addition, the department of agriculture at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is involved in the international plant gene bank. "There are many kinds of flora without which we couldn't produce medicines and other valuable products," says Baidats.

If a certain species disappears in one part of the world, the gene bank is able to resupply it, or introduce a new strain that may be stronger than the original.

"Not everyone realizes how rich we are in the area of edible plants, including cereals," he says. If a wheat disaster occurs in Australia, Israel might be able to come to the rescue through the gene bank.

As a growing and developing country, Israel has a continuing need to find places for people to live, Baidats notes. That's all well and good; but whereas the need to do so has not changed significantly in 40 years, he maintains that it is time that the method be reevaluated.

"Our role," he says of Israel's Nature Reserves Authority, which he has headed for the past five years, is to take the cause of destruction that has already occurred in one part of the country and prevent it from happening again."

To this "ethics and economics" analogy, he now adds esthetics.

Example: "The Kishon, Hadera, Yarkon, Soreq and other rivers were all alive 30 years ago. Today, they are used as dumps for sewage and other wastes," which seep into the aquifer only to turn up elsewhere, wrecking the ecosytem, he says.

"Today," he says, "the quality of drinking water in Israel is below the acceptable standards."

As settlements grow and new ones are established, he says, issues to be considered include use of water, drainage and sewage treatment. "Otherwise, we might simply pollute ourselves out of a precious land by the time the year 2000 comes around."

With regard to chemicals, Baidats says: "We believe the situation is approaching one of biological war. We have been fighting the issue for years, bringing recommendations to the government and so on."

There are about 300 nature reserves in Israel, covering over a million acres, or 16% of the total land mass. However, only one-third of that has been legally declared nature reserves, and the rest includes military areas as well as quite a lot of land in the West Bank.

"Nature doesn't know borders," says Baidats. "That is why we are also concerned with what happens in South America and elsewhere."

He added: "If you consider that in 40 years, people have come to Israel from all over the world, many from countries without a tradition of nature conservation, then we have achieved something, though not without struggle," he said. "And we are far from reaching a satisfactory point environmentally.

"But we have kept the Middle East landscape alive and brought back the animals of the Bible," he says. "Thirty years ago, gazelles were almost extinct here. Until about eight years ago, we didn't know that there were still leopards here. They used to be found in Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan as well. Today, they are only in Israel. We have achieved quite a bit.

Opinion

Trebitsch Lincoln left indelible impression

Rogue's bizarre story deserves historical footnote

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

As bizarre and astounding a figure as Ignacz Trebitsch is not born every day.

Trebitsch, who has a place of honor in the rogues' gallery of history, to use British historian Hugh Trevor-Roper's phrase, was the quintessential con artist, a man whose tumultuous and unbelievable life deserves at least an extended footnote in history.

Bernard Wasserstein, an eminent historian (he wrote *Britain and the Jews of Europe, 1939-1945)*, claims that Trebitsch merits more than merely a few lines at the back of a dusty volume. Having unravelled his dubious career to the best of his ability, Wasserstein has written what is probably the definitive biography, *The Secret Lives of Trebitsch Lincoln (Yale University Press, $27.50 U.S.)*.

The question, of course, is why a scholar of Wasserstein's calibre would even bother with a cad like Trebitsch, who changed his name to Trebitsch Lincoln at the age of 35. Wasserstein anticipates it. "This book is likely to be regarded as something of an affront to the austere canons of my profession," he concedes in the opening sentence of his foreward. But, having unburdened himself of that confession, he goes on to explain why he was captivated by Trebitsch, who sank into obscurity after his death on Oct. 6, 1943.

Born Jewish, in a small town near Budapest, Trebitsch converted to Christianity in his youth, worked as a missionary in Montreal, and successively became an Anglican curate in Britain, an MP in the House of Commons, an entrepreneur in the oil fields of Galicia and Romania, a German spy, a conspirator in the 1920 Kapp putsch in Germany, an advisor to warlords in China and, finally, a Buddhist abbot in Shanghai.

Of medium height and stocky build, with piercing dark eyes, Trebitsch was an intelligent, excitable and ill-disciplined person who was prone to childish outbreaks of rage, petulance and flagrant exhibitionism. Nevertheless, he was capable of exuding bursts of sentimentality and lethal doses of charm. More often than not, for better or worse, he left an indelible impression on his interlocutors.

For most of his life, he was consumed by a wanderlust which Wasserstein describes not as a source of amusement or intellectual enrichment but simply as a disease. Yet, as he repeatedly points out, Trebitsch's love of travel was also a function of his many misdeeds. Declared a persona non grata by Britain and the U.S., he abandoned his devoted wife, the daughter of a German sea captain, more than once, and seemed to practice a form of womanizing wherever his travels took him.

Montreal missionary failed to get single convert

As an amiable scoundrel par excellence, he used a series of aliases, but always fell back on his assumed name, Trebitsch Lincoln. It is hardly a coincidence, given his predilection for the limelight, that he thought of becoming an actor. Briefly enrolled as a student in the Royal Hungarian Academy of Dramatic Art, he dropped out not once but twice, and turned to petty thievery.

Having jettisoned the Orthodox Jewish faith of his father Nathan, a prosperous merchant, Trebitsch made the acquaintance of a Rev. Lypshytz during a trip to London. Lypshytz, a missionary with the London Society for the Promotion of Christianity among the Jews, filled his spiritual needs. In 1898, leaving home for the last time, he travelled to Hamburg, where he met another missionary of Jewish extraction, Arnold Frank. Under his tutelage, he converted to Christianity on Christmas day in

Lincoln...in Montreal

Lincoln...as a British MP

Lincoln...in Berlin

Lincoln...as a Buddhist monk in Shanghai

1899, and adopted a new name — Ignatius Timotheus Trebitsch.

As a missionary in Montreal, Trebitsch preached to the unconverted in several languages — German, Yiddish, English and Hungarian — but to no avail. He failed to convert a single Jew, Wasserstein notes.

Having fallen on his face in Canada, he accepted a position as a curate in a rural parish in Kent, Britain. The work did not fulfill him. At this point, fate intervened. His wife's father, having died, left her a fairly substantial inheritance — prompting him to give up his flock. He and his family bought a house in a London suburb, and Trebitsch threw himself into another pursuit — the study of international politics and economics. Next, he got to know Benjamin Seebohm Rowntree, a candy manufacturer. Rowntree, a pioneer of empirical social research in Britain, hired him to carry out an investigation of land tenure systems in Europe.

Thanks to Rowntree's connections, Trebitsch was elected to Parliament as a Liberal MP for Darlington, an event that Wasserstein terms "as one of the oddest aberrations in British political history," given his youth, foreign birth, accent and considerable defects of character. He delivered only three speeches — on free trade, a borrowing bill and Britain's relations with Egypt — and asked a total of seven parliamentary questions, all on foreign affairs.

He lasted less than a year as a fulltime politician, probably because he was perpetually short of funds. As an MP, he earned nothing, and since he spent money like there was no tomorrow, he was forced to find a more lucrative line of employment. He set up an oil exploration company, investing other people's money in options, pipelines, drilling rights and equipment. He cajoled funds out of unwary investors by sheer force of personality. "He had learned how to win souls and how to win votes. Now he drew on a battery of professional skills in order to accumulate more tangible assets."

The war in the Balkans ruined his dreams of finding crude, as did the outbreak of World War I. Desperate for money, he engaged in financial shenanigans.

Then, as if he didn't have enough on his plate, he tried to interest the British government in his services as a spy. Rebuffed, he travelled to Holland, where he contacted a German diplomat and offered him similar terms. The German, though cautious, was sufficiently impressed, and hired him. Trebitsch's dabbling in espionage did not amount to much, but, as a shameless publicist, he milked it for all it was worth.

Arriving in New York City in 1916, Trebitsch published *Revelations of an International Spy*, "a monumental self-glorification and obsessional perversion of the truth by the author."

The next period in his life was just as eventful. After spending three years in a British prison for fraud, Trebitsch went to Germany, where he befriended a Col. Max Bauer, a rabid anti-semite who had served on the German general staff during the war. Through Bauer, he insinuated himself into right-wing political circles.

Trebitsch, who never tried to conceal his Jewish background, became Bauer's closest political collaborator and, as such, was introduced to a coterie of disgruntled German patriots aching to seize power in the chaos that followed the Treaty of Versailles.

In March of 1920, Bauer and his motley crew attempted to depose the Weimar government. Trebitsch was in the thick of things, looking after the foreign press. In his self-appointed role as a censor, he wasted no time. If a correspondent's despatch dissatisfied him, he tore it up and tossed it into the nearest wastepaper basket, thereby incurring the wrath of many reporters. "Whatever qualities the new German government may lack, tact is not among them," wrote one correspondent in a scathing commentary on Trebitsch.

With the abject failure of the Kapp coup, Trebitsch turned his talents, such as they were, to the Hungarian situation, where turmoil associated with a failed Communist coup reigned, and then fell in with reactionary "white" Russians who sought the overthrow of the Bolshevik government.

Like all his associations, this interlude was of short duration. In 1922, Trebitsch went to China, where his notoriety had not, for a change, preceded him. Despite his unfamiliarity with the language, customs and powerful personalities of China, he was able to weasel himself into the pinnacles of power, somehow convincing several ambitious warlords that they could not succeed without his stellar advice.

In 1925, having exhausted all the possibilities in China, he arrived in New York, practically penniless. Under the racy headline of "Lincoln, World War Spy, Plotted To Control China," he wrote a series of sensational articles of his experiences in China for The World.

But for all his bluster, he was a depressed soul. Now, "sick of life" and "engulfed in an impenetrable darkness," Trebitsch returned to China, bent on immersing himself in the study of eastern religions as refracted through the ideas of the Theosophist movement. Established in New York by Helena Blavatsky, Theosophism drew on Buddhism, Egyptian hieroglyphics and the Kabbalah.

In 1931, in the same year he published his memoirs, Trebitsch was ordained a Buddhist monk and took yet another name, Chao Kung, to which he prefixed the title, The Venerable. From that point onward, he was never seen again in European clothes, preferring a black robe with close-fitting white trousers, carpet slippers and a skullcap on his close-shaven head.

In 1933, Trebitsch, having made plans to establish a Buddhist monastery in Europe, applied for a visa at the German consulate in Shanghai. Failing to obtain one, he wrote a glowing letter to Hitler, paying tribute to the fuhrer as a man of vision and insight. Wasserstein has determined that the letter never even reached Hitler. Functionaries forwarded it to the foreign ministry for routine handling.

But this was not to be the last time he approached the Germans. In 1941, after a trip to Canada, during which he was received by the prime minister, R.B. Bennett, he contacted the head of Germany's secret service in the Far East with a farfetched scheme to beam anti-British propaganda to India. Nothing came of it. But Trebitsch was persistent.

Harebrained schemes scoundrel's signature

When Col. Joseph Meisinger, the police attache at the German embassy in Tokyo, visited Shanghai, Trebitsch obtained an audience — telling his host that the time was now ripe for Germany to make peace. Meisinger, apparently mesmerized by this charlatan, was somehow convinced that it would be in Germany's interest for Trebitsch to hold talks with Hitler himself.

The whole affair ended ignominously. Meisinger, who had previously served the Third Reich as an executioner of Jews in Poland, was informed in no uncertain terms by his boss, Reinhard Heydrich, to F-off. The curt cable read: "As police liaison officer you are to deal exclusively with police functions... You are not authorized to report on foreign policy matters. In the matter of Trebitsch Lincoln, therefore, you are not to proceed. Surely you are aware that he is a Jew. Heydrich."

The reader's final glimpse of Trebitsch is in July of 1943, just several months before his death. A small trilingual Jewish newspaper, circulating among Jewish refugees in Shanghai, published an interview with him, during which he presented his ideas on Jewish affairs. Trebitsch dismissed Zionism as "a dangerous idea," but he suggested that Jewish refugees in Shanghai should resettle themselves there by building "a Tel Aviv in miniature."

It was yet another harebrained scheme on the part of Trebitsch. Poor Trebitsch Lincoln! No one understood him.

Thanks to Wasserstein, however, our image of this celebrated scoundrel is much clearer than it has ever been before.

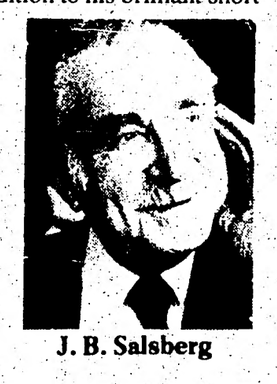
Opinion

A praise and glorification of the annual fair

"One has to have books"—Sholem Aleichem

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Sholem Aleichem, the most popular and most beloved of all Yiddish writers, wrote plays for the Jewish stage, in addition to his brilliant short stories, monologues, etc., that penetrated and illuminated the total Jewish experience of East European Jewry in the beginning of this century.



J. B. Salsberg

In his popular play *Dos Groise Gevins* (the grand prize) he describes the experiences of a simple, kind Jewish tailor in one of the countless shtetlech who won the grand prize in the national lottery.

As it turned out the luckless man didn't win at all; it was all a misreading of the numbers of the lottery ticket. But before that error was discovered, the tailor became the hero of the town.

All the poor of the town came for loans which he promised to give. Officers of local Jewish institutions came to ask for liberal contributions, which he also made. Finally, "the big winner" was approached by a group of young, worldly Jews that solicited a contribution towards the establishment of a Jewish library. Again he pledged a substantial donation.

At this point his nagging wife, Etye Petye, who feared that he was giving it all away, interfered in a hostile manner and asked: Who needs libraries and books? The poor-turned-rich tailor, who couldn't really explain why we need books, replied to his wife with the simple but final words: "Men darf biecher" (we need books).

Some pedantic Yiddish readers of that period felt that Sholem Aleichem should have had the tailor reply to his wife that "men darf leinen biecher" (one has to read books), rather than "men darf hoben biecher" (one needs books). For, they argued, what's the use of having books if one doesn't read them?

Well, my friendly readers, the ideal choice would, of course, be the acquisition of books and the reading of them. But, I submit, that the desire and will to have books in one's home, even if rarely or ever read, is also a significant cultural advance. I say, without offence, that a home that lacks a book corner, or a bookshelf is, to say the least, incomplete.

This is particularly true of Jewish homes since, throughout the ages, they possessed some collection of Judaica, at the very least prayer-books, a Bible, a Yiddish *"Teich Chumash, maiseh bichlech"* etc., etc. After all, aren't we boasting of being "the people of the Book?"

And, for those who may attempt to justify the barrenness of their homes of Jewish books on the grounds that they can't read either Yiddish or Hebrew, one can reply that there are "Jewish books" liberally available in English and other languages as well.

A few years ago I was deeply moved by what a Jewish lady told me.

She was raised in a small shtetle in Poland, where women were given only the minimal of education. But she imbibed the reverence of her parents for *sforim* (religious books).

When she married, in Toronto, she asked her husband to buy some books for their new home. He promptly accommodated her by buying in a second-hand bookstore, a complete set of an old edition of the Encyclopedia Brittanica, though their knowledge of English was very limited. She buys and reads books to this day. That certainly is in the best of Jewish tradition. I respect that lady for it.

We are approaching the very important annual Jewish Book Fair in Toronto, on Nov. 13-20, in the Leah Posluns Theatre on Bathurst St. It is the annual undertaking of the Jewish Community Centre and it is perhaps the largest single annual Jewish Book Fair in North America. Helen Redner, the magic worker of it all, told me that the sale of tickets this year "could be better."

Aside from the display and sale of Jewish books, and aside from the lectures by living authors of those books, the fair has a magic atmosphere that ennobles all who come, who peruse the books, who listen to the authors and who purchase the books they select. It is a Jewish cultural experience that no one should deny oneself.

More important are the special programs that are arranged for our children. It is heartwarming to see them with their parents or their classes at the bookstalls. Jewishness is a many-sided concept and the memories of attending the Jewish Book Fair will enrich the memories of our youth and make them better Jews and better menshen. So bring them!

If any of our readers will think that this week's column reads like an advertisement for the Book Fair, I will say to them: An advertisement, no, but a praise and a glorification of the annual Book Fair, yes! It is also meant to be a public tribute to the scores of volunteers, mostly women, who give of themselves without limit, to make this annual cultural event a success.

I salute them and all of you who will come to the Fair.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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"CRANKS, FIE FOR SHAME!"

I agree 100% with J. B. Salsberg's Oct. 27 column headed "Pardon the worried look on my face, but. . . ."

He has reason to look worried when, as he reports, a mob of religious cranks pelted Shimon Peres, the leader of the Labor Party, with rotten tomatoes and splashed water on his face.

I cry out to these extremists of whatever sect in Israel: "Fie for shame!"

S. Fishman
Toronto

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BARRING KAHANE "UNDEMOCRATIC"

Re your Oct. 20 editorial headed "Kach Party barring invites sober judgment":

Everyone will agree with you that the purpose of the law, passed by the Knesset in 1985, was "to obstruct the inroads of Meir Kahane's Party."

It's as if the Progressive Conservative and Liberal parties were alarmed by previous polls indicating that Ed Broadbent was preferred by most Canadians. So they passed a bill through Parliament to amend the Canada Elections Act. No candidate would be permitted to stand for election, if his "aims, implicitly or explicitly, include" the negation of private enterprise.

I don't think Canadians would acquiesce to such a perversion of democratic procedure.

It is my sober judgment that Rabbi Meir Kahane has been barred for the same reason that Abba Eban was barred from re-election (by his own Maarach Party).

Victor Parnass
Montreal

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CLAIMS WE'RE ANTI-KAHANE

Your editorial on the barring of the Kach (Kahane) Party shows the liberal bias consistent with The Canadian Jewish News coverage.

You quote the progressive reform movement in Israel, now seeking the disbarment of the Agudath Israel Party, who wish to change the democratic structure for a halachic process.

You make no mention of the various parties whose very platform calls into question the existence of the Jewish state and expose a philosophy of a bi-national secular state.

You make no mention of the possibility that those ultra left-wing parties might likewise be considered for possible disbarment.

Could it be that you, either consciously or subconsciously, agree with their point of view?

Rabbi Moshe Stern
Toronto

KAHANE SLAMS ISRAELI "ANARCHY"

As the result of the Israeli Supreme Court's barring of Rabbi Meir Kahane and the Kach party from participating in the coming elections, the political situation in Israel will continue to deteriorate.

The decision to delegitimize Kach has legitimized anarchy and revolution in Israel.

The fat establishment of the Likud on the Right and Labor on the Left, who prattle about democracy and freedom, suddenly take from the Jew his democratic right to vote and choose the party of his desire.

Do you think that the Jews will now sit still, while the Arabs stone their cars, burn their forests, cut down their trees, and attack and kill their children and soldiers?

Do you think they will sit still, while Arabs take Jewish jobs, buy up Jewish land?

Do you think Jews will sit still, while the Israel economy collapses, and their young flee to America to escape all of this?

A frightened and desperate Jewish people, that has not been allowed its democratic choice, will take matters into its own hand to save itself and its children. That is what the Knesset and the Supreme Court decreed for the Jewish State.

Rabbi Meir Kahane
Encino, California

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Reader requested this photo showing actors John Dolan and Michelle Fisk in a department store bed department, which is the setting of new Midnight Madness comedy.

SHOW US "MAD" ACTORS

I agree with the rave review that your theatre critic, Frank Rasky, recently gave to Dave Carley's 2-character romantic comedy, *Midnight Madness*, playing at the Tarragon Theatre Extra Space.

He was so right to praise it in these words, "As articulated by two of Canada's fine young actors, John Dolan and Michelle Fisk, the dialogue is funny, the story contemporary, and altogether it's a commercially viable comedy that sparkles with charm."

Right on! But if the actors are so fine, Mr. Rasky, why didn't you print a photo of them "in the bed department of Bloom's department store" to illustrate your critique?

Your review of two new Canadian plays, contained in one omnibus article, showed a photo illustrating only the David French family epic titled *1949*.

Please rectify this omission.

Sally Gershon
Toronto

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PLAUT'S "VARNISHED" VIEWS

I have tried to digest Rabbi Gunther Plaut's Oct. 6 column headed "Extremism worldwide phenomenon."

In it, he writes that "fundamentalists consider the culture of others as irrelevant, and scientific and intellectual inquiry as generally dangerous . . . Modern scriptural scholarship is taboo and equated with atheism. The sacred text is literally true, for it is the Word of God. . . ."

It seems to me that his opinions of religious fundamentalism form a tautology with his own varnished beliefs. Fundmentalists can call me anything they like; they can reject me from their houses of worship; and they can decry me to their hearts' content.

If fundamentalism can prevent Moslem extremists from attacking Israel by not serving in the army, perhaps it can prevent Turks from butchering Armenians; can cause South Americans to stop disappearing; and the Western world from selling arms to all of them.

If this is true, then surely it is the harbinger of peace on this world, and a sign of the coming of the Messiah.

Until now, I have considered myself neither religious nor fundamentalist. But if Rabbi Plaut is right, brothers, let us pray.

Stanley Ludmer
Abercorn, Que.

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UPHOLDS SUNDAY SHOPPING CHANGE

I am writing to comment on changes to the Ontario Sunday shopping legislation.

Bill 113, which amends the Retail Business Holidays Act, will put Jewish merchants who observe the Sabbath on a fair footing with merchants who close Sunday.

This marks a major change from the current law, which imposes restrictions of 5,000 square feet and seven staff only on those who choose to close on Saturdays and open on Sundays.

The Canadian Jewish Congress brief was fair and balanced. It recognized the merits of this legislation, while raising several concerns.

The new bill contains provisions whereby merchants can ask local councils to permit them to remain open due to the religious clientele that they serve, instead of being limited to exemptions based on tourism.

The new bill does not automatically require retail proprietors to state their religion in order to open on Sunday.

Information about religious belief might on occasion be used as a defence by a merchant against a prosecution under the act.

The protection of religious freedom may require a person to state that they have a religious belief in order to protect that right.

As parliamentary assistant to the Solicitor General, I have listened to almost 300 briefs on the subject of Sunday shopping.

I regret that your newspaper coverage was not as balanced as the CJC brief, and that your newspaper did not contact a government spokesman to get the other side of the story.

Ron Kanter
Toronto

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SHE SALUTES JOEY, 17

I commend The CJN's reporter Phil Fine for doing an excellent series of profiles of young Jewish Metro Toronto leaders.

Fine's Oct. 20 profile of Joey Felsen, the 17-year-old chairman of Nahon, an organization of North American Jewish high school students involved in social activism, was of particular interest to me.

He made an everlasting impression when I met him briefly several years ago.

There was an enormous controversy, with vicious debate, in our neighborhood over the Canadian Mental Health Association's plan to establish a group home for ex-psychiatric patients.

Joey, as a concerned neighbor at age 14, investigated and considered the issues, then decided to support the plan for a group home.

He volunteered to distribute letters of support throughout the neighborhood. He discussed the group home issue with school friends. He inspired them to do a major project on the experience in our neighborhood.

Joey is an exemplary Jew.

With his contributions, the world becomes just that much a better place. As Jews, we can all learn from Joey Felsen.

Gilda Berger
Toronto

LETTER WRITERS MUST BEWARE OF SPREADING LIBEL

Editor's note: We urge our readers to resist libelling persons or institutions when writing letters to the editor.

Under present Canadian law, any publication that repeats libellous information is responsible for the libel to the same extent as the original publisher.

In libel cases where the injured party has established that the information complained of could be perceived as libellous, the onus to prove the truth of disputed statements falls on the defendants. Normally, that places the burden to prove the truth of certain statements on those making them, often journalists.

World-National

Jews, Arabs, women barred from UN Gulf forces

Review of peacekeeping exclusions pledged

MONTREAL —

Defence minister Perrin Beatty has informed the Canadian Jewish Congress that the government will review its decision to bar Jews from Canada's peacekeeping force in Iran and Iraq, but the safety of personnel will remain the most important consideration.

CJC president Dorothy Reitman expressed concern last August over the exclusion of Canadian Jews, Arabs and women from participation in the United Nations peacekeeping forces sent to monitor the truce in the Gulf war. The approach was labelled "discriminatory by definition and un-Canadian."

In his letter to CJC, Beatty stated: "It is not the policy of this government to exclude anyone or any specific group from participating in peacekeeping operations in general. The decision to exclude persons of Jewish and Arab extraction and women was based on an established practice of the United Nations."

Beatty noted that UN practice is to respect traditions, customs and religious practices and beliefs of host countries where UN peacekeeping forces are deployed.

"This is not a new policy," he explained, "but rather a long-standing one for the government of Canada. It should also be noted that the rationale for an employment restriction based on ethnic/religious considerations was challenged under the Canadian Human Rights Act (1981/82), and successfully defended by the department of national defence."

The minister points out that past experience in other UN peacekeeping forces has reinforced this approach. In almost all cases where these considerations were not applied, the individuals involved were embarrassed and, in some cases, abused.

"This," he continued, "has been the case with Jewish members of the UN peacekeeping forces in the Middle East. When we agreed to provide members of the Canadian Forces to the United Nations for service in Iran and Iraq, the composition was based in part on the requirement to ensure safety and security."

Beatty has assured CJC that the defence department is reviewing the procedure in question to determine if it should remain in effect. This review will be based on information from both Iran and Iraq and take into account the views expressed by CJC, he said.

"Please be assured," Beatty writes, "that it is not the policy of the government to exclude certain classes of personnel from peacekeeping operations. The safety and security of Canadian Forces personnel must however be taken into consideration."

Ross supporter launches fund for defence prior to hearing

By
PAUL LUNGEN

MONCTON —

A recently-established free speech organization has launched a defence fund on behalf of controversial author and school teacher Malcolm Ross.

Terrance LeBlanc, president of 9-month old New Brunswick Freedom of Speech League, told a news conference recently the campaign intends to raise funds to assist Ross pay for his defence during an upcoming provincial board of inquiry.

He asserted the inquiry will be "one of the most important legal cases involving freedom of speech."

LeBlanc said Ross' employers, the district 15 school board in Moncton, will not allow Ross to publicly raise funds. Ross, who sat beside LeBlanc during the news conference but who did not speak, was restricted by the board from publishing or talking about his controversial beliefs.

The restriction came after publication of Ross' most recent book, Spectre of Power, which, like earlier works, raises claims about an international Jewish conspiracy to dominate the world. Ross has written several books and letters repeating the conspiracy claim and questioning the existence of the Holocaust.

Repeated attempts by New Brunswick residents to have the provincial government charge him under the federal anti-hate laws failed, with attorneys general arguing the law is not strong enough to ensure conviction.

An investigation into the Ross case was triggered by a complaint from Moncton parent David Attis to the province's Human Rights Commission, alleging that the school board contributed to a climate of prejudice and discrimination by employing Ross.

The inquiry stalled when Ross' employer, the school board, refused to relinquish the teacher's records or the results of its investigation, which concluded Ross did not bring his views into the classroom.

Its investigation stymied, the HRC requested a provincial board of inquiry. Hearings were later set to begin Nov. 21.

LeBlanc confirmed that Victoria lawyer Doug Christie will represent Ross at the hearing. Christie gained national attention with his defence of Eckville, Alta. teacher Jim Keegstra, charged with promoting hatred against Jews (the case is now under appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada) and Ernst Zundel, convicted in two separate trials for publishing lies denying the Holocaust.

More recently, Christie took on the defence of Imre Finta, the first person charged as a war criminal under Canada's revised laws. No trial date has yet been set in the case.

According to a report in the Moncton Times-Transcript, LeBlanc said Ross could have sought help locally, but chose Christie because of his expertise and experience in handling such cases.

Echoing themes repeated in both the Zundel and Keegstra cases, LeBlanc said "the NB Free Speech League believes this will be perhaps one of the most important legal cases involving freedom of speech...

"Malcolm Ross," he said, "is being taken before the board of inquiry for his private views, anti-abortion, Kingship of Christ, and the (Jewish) conspiracy theory," none of which, LeBlanc claimed, were ever expressed in the classroom.

LeBlanc would not say whether Ross would appear personally before the board of inquiry. That would be up to his lawyer, he said.

LeBlanc, who said the Free Speech League has "thousands" of supporters nationwide, included a pitch for contributions during the news conference.

Gotlieb given culture post

OTTAWA —

Allan Gotlieb has been appointed chairman of the Canada Council and will take up the post Jan. 1 after stepping down as Canada's ambassador to the United States, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has announced.

In the part-time, unpaid position, the Winnipeg-born Gotlieb will preside over arts events and functions as well as presiding over the council's quarterly meetings. He will replace opera singer Maureen Forrester.

Gotlieb, who says he plans to work in the private sector, told The Globe and Mail he is "very pleased to be able to contribute to the strengthening of Canadian culture."

He has served as undersecretary of state for external affairs, as deputy minister in the employment and immigration and comunications departments, and as Canadian representative to international organizations.

Gotlieb has been the ambassador in Washington since 1981 and took part in talks that led to the Canada-U.S. free trade deal.

Safdie wins

OTTAWA —

Israeli-born architect Moshe Safdie is the winner of the recent design competition for the $53 million renovation and expansion of the new City Hall in Ottawa.

Safdie's design was selected by an expert jury as their unanimous choice and recommended to the policy, priorities and budgeting committee of the Ottawa City Council.

After receiving 29 initial submissions, the final competition was limited to five architectural firms.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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YERUSHALAIMSKI — URIS

The suffix "ski" indicates origin. It may be appended to a given name like ABRAMSKI (son of ABRAM) and SIMONSKI (son of SIMON) or to a place name like WARSHAWSKI (from Warsaw) or KRAKOWSKI (from Cracow).

When it is appended to a place name, the place is usually from which the bearer of the name came.

An exception was the surname YERUSHALAIMSKI, which was anticipatory rather than historical. Just as the liturgy includes the wish "L'shanah habaah b'yerushalaim" (next year in Jerusalem) so some Jews adopted the surname Yerushalaimski to identify with the ancient capital of Israel.

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Hurricane Gilbert devastates shul

Montrealers help rebuild Jamaican synagogue

MONTREAL — Two Montreal congregations are assisting in a fund raising effort to rebuild Jamaica's only synagogue, which was devastated by Hurricane Gilbert.

Clairette Krieger, a cousin of the administrator of the Shaare Shalom Congregation in Kingston, said her own congregation, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, as well as the Reconstructionist Synagogue, are making their members aware of the plight of Jamaica's small Jewish community.

Her cousin, Marcel Goldenberg, has written from Jamaica that damage to the synagogue was extensive. Much of the roof was blown off, and the rain that came in ruined the seats, the prayerbooks, talesim, organ and piano. The carpet, specially woven with a gold Magen David, is moldering.

The storm coincided with the High Holidays, and Rosh Hashanah services were cancelled. However, the congregation's lay spiritual leader, Ernest de Souza, insisted that Kol Nidre be observed in the synagogue, despite the devastation and lack of electricity.

"The rains came again just as the Kol Nidre service began and poured in during most of the service. The over 90 congregants who attended braved the weather huddled in the corners that were dry, trying to read and hear the prayers in competition with the falling rain," Goldenberg wrote.

"Even the use of umbrellas could be seen inside the synagogue, reminiscent of the chuppa, the wedding canopy."

Joining the congregation that day was the new Israeli Ambassador Uri Prosor and his wife.

Krieger said Goldenberg, a resident of Jamaica for 10 years, has sent the letter with an appeal for financial aid to rebuild the synagogue to many Jewish organizations in the United States and Britain, and to a number of individuals in Canada.

Krieger herself is familiar with the Jamaican Jewish community because she spends a winter vacation there most years. The Jamaican government cannot afford to assist the synagogue, Goldenberg has told Krieger.

According to Goldenberg, Jews have lived in Jamaica since the time of Christopher Columbus, although their status was not officially recognized until 1655.

The Shaar Shalom is an amalgamation of the Sephardi congregation established in 1693 and the Ashkenazi congregation founded in 1787, Goldenberg wrote, and is the only one left of the eight synagogues that were once in Jamaica.

Goldenberg also notes that many Jews also lost their homes.

Rights panel probes Aryan Nations

By PAUL LUNGEN

EDMONTON — The Canadian branch of the white supremacist Aryan Nations has "very distinct" ties to the U.S. branch, a federal human rights tribunal was told recently.

Terry Long, pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian-Aryan Nations, was appointed to his Canadian posting by Richard Butler, leader of the American version of the group, according to testimony from Alan Shefman, national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada.

Long also attends meetings at the U.S. group's Hayden Lake compound, Shefman told the panel.

The tribunal, a quasi-judicial body established by the Canadian Human Rights Commission, was set up to hear complaints that the Canadian Aryan Nations spread hate propaganda through telephone messages, which played from Feb. 1987 to Feb. 1988.

If it finds against the Aryan Nations, it can order it to end the messages.

Long, a resident of Caroline, Alta., refused to attend the hearing or offer a defence, saying the tribunal has "no legal teeth.

"As far as we are concerned...a human rights tribunal effectively abrogates an individual's right to a trial by a jury of one's peers so in that respect it is nothing more than a kangaroo court," Long stated.

The telephone messages under investigation promoted white supremacy and heaped abuse on Jews, Blacks, Pakistanis and other minorities.

The complaint to the federal Human Rights Commission was filed in Red Deer last year by the League for Human Rights as well as by a number of individuals.

In testimony before the 3-member HRC panel, a communications expert said telephone messages allegedly played by the Aryan Nations are astute propaganda similar to that employed by Nazi Germany.

Rene Ravult told the hearing the taped messages could be considered dangerous, according to Canadian Press reports.

"Some were likely to promote hatred and contempt towards Jews," he said.

Commenting on the tapes as a whole, Ravult concluded they were cleverly made and based on knowledge of the techniques employed by the Nazis.

One message recorded by the CHRC in March 1987 claims Judaism is anti-Christian and Communist, Ravult said.

"Take these two concepts together and they are likely to promote contempt against Jews," he testified.

Ravult said that by placing a phone number in the personal advertisement section of the Red Deer Advocate in Feb. 1987 the Aryan Nations was hoping to reach those people who are among the most vulnerable in society — those who search the newspapers for a mate or a group to join.

The complaint against the Aryan Nations is only the second of its kind heard by the commission, according to chairman Max Yalden. The first involved Torontonian John Ross Taylor of the Western Guard, who continued to disseminate anti-semitic telephone messages despite an order to stop, and was subsequently jailed for one year.

On his release he resumed the messages and refused to stop. Taylor appealed to the Federal Court of Canada on constitutional grounds. The court ruled the order was a reasonable limit on free speech. A further appeal to The Supreme Court of Canada is pending.

In a news release prior to the hearing, Yalden said the messages have been stopped, but "we hope the tribunal will discourage others from doing the same thing."

Long is reported to have later said he planned to "eventually" continue running the messages.

The tribunal recessed following three days of testimony and will reconvene in about a week.

Ruling expected Nov. 30

By PHIL FINE

HAMILTON, Ont. — An immigration department official here is scheduled to decide in a few weeks whether convicted Palestinian terrorist Mahmoud Mohammad Issa Mohammad should be deported.

Adjudicator Ed McNamara is expected to issue his decision in Hamilton on Nov. 30. Final arguments by lawyers for both Mohammad and the Crown are scheduled to be heard Nov. 17.

Mohammad, 46, was convicted by a Greek court in 1970 of manslaughter, possession of weapons and unlawful interference with civil aviation for a 1968 attack on an El Al airliner at Athens in which an Israeli was killed.

In 1986, he applied to come to Canada but failed to note on his application form that he had a criminal conviction. A year later, he managed to slip past authorities at Pearson International Airport in Toronto even though they had been warned to watch out for him.

The federal government is trying to deport Mohammad on the basis that he omitted any reference to his crime on his application form. His lawyers have been trying for almost a year to block the deportation effort.

Meanwhile, Justice George Addy of the trial division of the Federal Court of Canada is expected to rule soon on whether RCMP officers must answer questions by Mohammad's defence lawyers on evidence concerning the Palestinian provided by Israeli intelligence officials.

The Jewish Quiz

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3. For which seven relatives is mourning decreed?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. The duty of attending the dead to the grave.
2. President Ephraim Katzir.
3. Father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, children.

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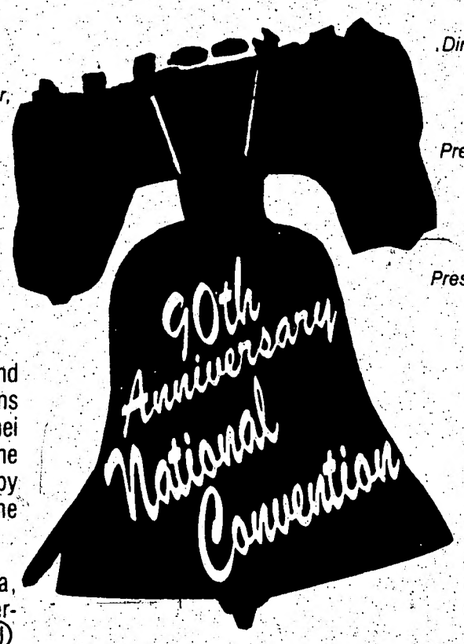

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World-National

Rabbi/philosopher takes on "impossible task" in USSR

By
STEVE LIPMAN
The N.Y. Jewish Week

NEW YORK —

Adin Steinsaltz, the rabbi-author-philosopher-talmudist who is founding the first rabbinical school in the Soviet Union in seven decades, calls the nascent institution "an impossible task" — but just the latest in a series of such tasks he has undertaken.

"I am for years always doing impossible tasks," Steinsaltz told The Jewish Week in a telephone interview after he signed an agreement with Soviet authorities to establish a Judaic Studies Center in Moscow. (CJN Nov. 3).

The school — which will award rabbinical ordination, train cantors and Jewish lay leaders, and offer public lectures — is to open in February at a yet-unspecified site in Moscow.

It also will catalogue, research and electronically store thousands of ancient Jewish manuscripts and other materials now in Soviet libraries. To be funded by the Soviet government and an organization under Steinsaltz's auspices, the centre is to operate as an independent post-graduate institution.

Steinsaltz called the centre, a visible sign of the kremlin's *glasnost* (openness) policy, "an opening."

"It is the first crack in the almost impenetrable wall. We can begin training a new generation of persons ready and willing to restore Jewish life," he said.

"Russia was once the heartland of the Jewish people," Steinsaltz said. "There is no reason why it should not be restored to its former position."

The centre, if successful, might serve as the "catalyst" for similar institutions in other Soviet cities and for other Jewish projects, he said. "This will help close the gap of at least two generations that didn't have any form of Jewish education."

No sanctioned rabbinical school has existed in the USSR since the 1917 revolution that brought the communists to power.

"I just hope that all goes well. It won't be easy. I can see 300,000 problems," the rabbi said.

"The country here is full of surprises," he said at the end of a two-week trip in the USSR, his first. "One of the first rules you learn here is that the smallest things may take an inordinate length of time. You never know if it's plain inefficiency, or bad will."

A half-year has passed since Steinsaltz and the Soviet Academy of Sciences, a semi-autonomous institution, announced an agreement in principle to open a yeshiva. The announcement followed a meeting the rabbi initiated with academy chairman Evgeny Velikhov during the Global Conference, a world religious gathering at Oxford University in April.

Steinsaltz attributed the delay in signing the agreement to "mechanical and bureaucratic reasons." Velikhov and other Soviet officials with whom he negotiated about the centre are "genuinely interested" in its success, he said, adding that kremlin leaders "no doubt" are aware of the favorable publicity the announcement would garner in the West.

He said, however, that support for the centre is not unanimous in Soviet circles. "All kinds of people are afraid of it," Steinsaltz said. "Some individuals are very willing to cooperate. Some are hesitant. Some are very hostile."

The rabbi said Soviet authorities did not attempt to dictate the centre's curriculum and did not censor the remarks he made in a series of unprecedented public speeches on religion during his visit. "I tried not to be offensive, but I said everything I wanted to say," Steinsaltz explained.

Steinsaltz said he will be able to gauge resistance to the centre within a few months, once visa applications for prospective staff members are submitted. The centre's establishment is being coordinated by the Aleph Society, a non-profit group the rabbi formed last year to support his international projects.

Foreign scholars from abroad, probably including some Soviet emigres, will staff the centre initially and it will operate on a trimester basis, Steinsaltz said. Instruction will be in Russian, Hebrew and Yiddish.

The initial class of 20 to 30 students will likely come from the ranks of the Jewish community's lay leaders, who studied Judaism in underground schools for the last 20 years. The three-year curriculum will include "the very regular" studies of any yeshiva — Bible, Talmud, Jewish law — and a dose of history and languages, the rabbi said.

"I am to have the final say about the students, staff and curriculum," said Steinsaltz, who will continue to live in Jerusalem, but make regular trips to the Soviet Union to teach.

"I'm not giving more than I am taking," Steinsaltz said of his negotiations over autonomy for the centre. "There were periods when I got angry. I made myself very clear that I don't want to be played with.

"I don't have any official standing" as a diplomat, he added. "They easily could have told me go to hell. They didn't."

Steinsaltz called the yeshiva an extension of the "quiet" work he has done for Soviet Jewry for several years. The author of a best-selling Hebrew commentary on the Talmud said his works are known among Soviet Jews he met.

"I am far better known than any of the political figures," he said. "My books are used by everyone."

Steinsaltz said he freely talked with Soviet Jews during his visit there. "They know very little about Judaism," he said. "They are very thirsty to learn more."

While Steinsaltz acknowledges "anti-semitic pockets (in the USSR), some of them virulent," he did not encounter it during his fortnight there.

He traveled with his wife, an escort from the Academy of Science, and — for part of the time — three foreign scholars. "I didn't hide anything," he said. He walked to synagogue in Moscow on the Sabbath with his prayer shawl over his coat. He also sports a flowing red beard that marks him as an Orthodox Jew.

"I didn't hear anything," he said. "Nobody commented or sneered."

Steinsaltz's parents, Socialist atheists who insisted he receive a thorough Jewish education as a youth, were born in a section of Poland under Russian domain at the turn of the century.

"I'm trying to complete some historical circle," he said. "I'm trying to amend, to correct some certain things (my parents) did not accept."

Templers' anniversary marked

HAIFA (JPFS) —

The 120th anniversary of the arrival in this country of the German Templers, who founded the first modern settlement here, was marked last week by the Nature Protection Society (NPS) and the Council for the Preservation of Historical Sites (CPHS).

A sect of Protestant Pietists, the Society of Templers (who spelled their name differently than the Crusader Templar knights) was founded in the South German Bible Belt of Wuerttemberg.

Their tenet was that the Jews had lost title to Eretz Yisrael because of their failure to recognize Jesus as the Messiah, and that the Templers, the "new People of God," had inherited this patrimony. Their motto was "Emirate from Babylon to settle in Palestine."

Alex Carmel, of Haifa University, an expert on the subject, said that the first pioneers of the sect, Christof Hoffman and Georg David Hardegg, arrived at Haifa by sea on Oct. 30, 1868 with their families and founded the first — and largest — Templer colony at the foot of Mt. Carmel, regarded by them as a holy site.

They subsequently built six more colonies throughout the country, including in Jerusalem. At their zenith, they numbered 2,200 members here.

They brought with them the advanced methods of Germany, initiated the first town planning here and built Carmel (now Ben-Gurion) Ave. as the first straight street in the country. They also introduced horse and carriage transport to the then backward land.

They built a windmill — still standing — on the Haifa beach. Records of that period show that brewers were prominent among them.

After World War I, their numbers began to dwindle. In the 1930s, as the Nazis consolidated their power in Germany, many Templers here became ardent Nazis. When World War II broke out, the British deported most of them to Germany as enemy aliens, and transferred the remaining 400 to Cyprus two weeks before Israel was established. In Cyprus, they were given the choice between repatriation and transfer to Australia, and most chose the latter.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Herod the Great died on Kislev 7 (Nov. 16) in the year 4 BCE. Judea's king from 37 BCE, he was one of the most complex tyrants the world has known in one of its most turbulent eras.

Herod was the grandson of a convert to Judaism appointed to rule over militant Idumeans in the Negev area by King Alexander Jannai. In the violent intrigues for the latter's succession, this convert's son, Antipater, supported Hyrcanus against Hyrcanus's brother Aristobulus, and then put his lot in with Pompey and the Romans when they invaded the Holy Land to ostensibly settle the dispute. Antipater switched allegiance to Julius Caesar in the battles over control of Rome itself, recruiting Jewish and Nabatean troops for Caesar's army. Caesar made Antipater Judea's ruler in 47 BCE. Antipater appointed his sons Herod and Phasael to chief administrative posts.

The new rulers were regarded by large sections of the populace as usurpers and puppets of the Romans. Plotting on behalf of survivors of the respected Maccabean dynasty, increasing Roman rapacity and anti-Roman agitation, mounting tension between landowners and peasant farmers, unprecedented crime and brigandage facilitated by a hesitant Sanhedrin (supreme court), religious conflict between the Temple aristocracy of the Sadducees and the Pharisees — teacher-rabbis fighting for literacy and moral reform — and heightening messianism, all put the Holy Land into irrepressible ferment. As governor of the Galil, young Herod first showed his strong hand by summarily executing dissidents. He incurred the undying enmity of the Sanhedrin, which had officially not applied the death penalty for many years.

Royal dynasty

Antipater was poisoned at a banquet in 43 BCE. Herod, by now running the country, had the suspected political plotter murdered. He also repelled an attempted invasion-coup by Antigonus II. The latter's uncle was the high priest Hyrcanus, the country's supreme religious authority. Afraid of vengeance, he proclaimed official support for Herod. Herod allied himself to the royal dynasty by a second wife, Hasmonean princess Mariamne. Herod undercut opponents' accusations with heavy bribes (raised through onerous taxes) to local Roman officials.

In 40 BCE, Antigonus II led an invasion of Parthians, Rome's enemies, in besieging Jerusalem. Herod's brother Phasael was killed in truce negotiations while he himself managed to escape. In Rome, Herod convinced Mark Antony and Octavian of his loyalty, and was proclaimed king of Judea. His attempts to reconquer Jerusalem — Herod's second brother Joseph was killed — were decisively bolstered by Antony's dispatch of a large Roman army. The latter's siege in 37 BCE lasted five months, presaging Rome's conquest of the city and the destruction of the Temple a century later. Herod managed to restrain the Romans from leveling Jerusalem — but not from killing Antigonus.

As absolute local ruler, Herod executed 45 Hasmonean supporters in the Sanhedrin. It was left with no political or legislative power. Herod continued to cultivate the Roman authorities, who placed successively larger territory under his rule. At their urging and in his interest, Herod vanquished the still powerful Nabateans once and for all. Herod's prime protector Antony was unexpectedly defeated by Octavian. Herod managed to turn this apparent personal disaster into triumph, as he reminded the new caesar of his services to Rome and his ability to play the local strongman and tax collector on Rome's behalf better than anyone else. Octavian, now Rome's emperor Augustus, placed even more territory under Herod's rule, including northern Transjordan. Herod also ingratiated himself with Augustus's son-in-law Agrippa.

Herod dominated his greater Judea, larger than that ruled by any before him, with unprecedented ruthlessness. He had his wife's brother, the legal heir to the high priesthood, murdered, and then killed the retired former high priest. Goaded by his mother and by his sister Salome (great-aunt of the Salome of John the Baptist fame), Herod allowed the killing of his wife Mariame. He eventually killed their two Roman-educated sons, and another son by an Idumenean wife, for plotting against him. This prompted Augustus to say of Herod, whose ritual adherence was scrupulous, "I'd rather be his pig than his son."

The next Diary will explore Herod's accomplishments between treacheries.

Charges Israeli government with indifference

Arab mayor "struggles for rights"

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

When the War of Independence ended in 1949, the Moslem Arabs of Bartaa found themselves in a very peculiar situation.

Their village had been dismembered into two distinct geographical units.

One half lay in Israel; the other half in Jordan.

Bartaa, which is near Hadera, became a symbol of the divisions triggered by Arab-Israeli strife.

For 19 years, Riad Kabha never set foot on the other side of that great divide, even though it was so tantalizingly close. To paraphrase Winston Churchill, it was so near and yet so far. Indeed, the Jordanian part of Bartaa may as well have been in Afghanistan.

Kabha grew up with that awful, surrealistic feeling, never really believing he would ever have the chance to meet relatives just across the border, his uncle, aunt and some 20 nieces and nephews.

During the 1967 Six Day War, the Israeli army stormed into the Jordanian sector of Bartaa.

The Arab Legion was not even there to fight back, and Bartaa fell without a whimper.

Immediately after the war, the people of Israeli Bartaa, unable to restrain their curiosity, streamed to the other side.

Kabha, then 14, was surprised that it was more developed than "his" Bartaa.

"It had paved streets and telephones."

For the Israeli village of Bartaa, the conveniences we take for granted were long in coming.

"There were no paved streets until 1974; no running water in homes until 1975; no electricity until 1977; no telephones until 1979."

Kabha, who has been mayor of Bartaa for the past three years, argues that its underdevelopment was a function of the neglect suffered by Arab municipalties at the hands of a succession of Israeli governments.

"We're a minority," he said in reference to Israeli Arabs. "The government doesn't care enough about its Arab citizens. We feel like second-class citizens."

Kabha, however, believes that Israeli Arabs have made progress since the dismantlement of military rule in Arab towns and villages in 1966.

Yet, when he compares Bartaa with neighboring Jewish villages, he winces. Bartaa has no factories to support its breadwinners; it has no youth clubs; its school is less than satisfactory.

And Bartaa's university graduates experience immense difficulties obtaining work in the Jewish sector, he said.

Kabha claims that the Labor Party and the Likud have promised to rectify the situation. The Moslems of Bartaa have heard such promises before, and in national elections the majority of people have cast protest votes for non-Zionist parties such as the Communists and the Progressive List for Peace, although a substantial minority have voted for Labor.

In recent years, according to Kabha, the government has lived up to several pledges.

Riad Kabha

- It has returned some confiscated Arab land (Bartaa lost about half its fields in 1948).
- It has given Um Al Fahem — the largest Israeli Arab town — municipal status and therefore made it eligible for government funds.
- It has not demolished homes that were built without permits, in recognition of the housing crisis that affects the Arab community.

The Palestinian uprising in the territories has had an impact on Bartaa.

Last December, Bartaa took part in a nation-wide general strike mounted by Israeli Arabs to protest Israel's handling of the unrest on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. And when food supplies wern't getting through to some West Bank villages, Bartaa took up a collection.

"Canadian Jews struggle for Jews in Russia and Syria. Why can't I, as an Arab, struggle for the Arabs of the West Bank?"

Like most Israeli Arabs, Kabha defines himself as "an Israeli who is part of the Palestinian nation." This, he lamented, "is our dilemma."

Kabha, who is affiliated with the left-of-centre Mapam party, claims that Israel can't continue "to live with the intifada."

As he put it: "Israel has won the war with Syria, Jordan and Egypt. Now Israel has to make peace with the Palestinians. The Palestinians have proved that they, rather than King Hussein, are Israel's partner in peace. Israel should negotiate with the Palestinians.

"If Israel wants a Jewish state, it must leave the territories," he added.

In common with virtually all Israeli Arabs, Kabha calls for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

It is his belief that only with the advent of peace in the Middle East will Israeli Arabs achieve real equality with Israeli Jews.

In the meantime, Kabha said, that "struggle for rights" is assisted by left-wing and progressive Jews.

Kabha was in Toronto with a delegation from the Givat Haviva Educational Foundation. Givat Haviva is a research and training institute, and Kabha is its director of public relations in the Israeli Arab sector.

Among other things, the institute offers courses in Arabic language and literature and organizes Arab-Jewish encounters to bridge ethnic, religious and cultural differences.

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By
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QUESTION: Do you think it's fair for yeshiva students in Israel not to be drafted for military service?

Answer: Civilized nations do not draft theologues for army service. Israel is a civilized country. Therefore, Yeshiva students should be permitted to spend their time studying Torah. That has been the rule, up to now, in Israel, and the noises made by disgruntled elements should not succeed in changing that policy.

Rabbi Burak

During the recent election campaign in Israel, there was much talk demanding that yeshiva students be required to serve in the Israeli army. When the Gaon, Rav Shach shlita of the Ponevez Yeshiva in Bnei Brak heard about these demands, he stated that he would leave Israel if Torah students were compelled to serve in the army.

Rav Shach is a nonagenerian. He said he would not find it easy to leave the land of our dreams, but, he would do it. His words were blunt as he castigated some Knesset members who "had never studied the Torah, the Mishnah, and the Talmud," yet by raising their fingers in the Knesset could force yeshiva bachurim (boys) to be drafted.

One of the parliamentarians whom the sage had singled out replied that he had some knowledge in Torah matters. Said he: "Rav Shach is not my rabbi. I view the Gaon Rabbi Zevin z.l. as my rabbi. He ruled that in a time of crisis, all able-bodied men, including yeshiva students should be soldiers defending Israel. Chief Rabbi Herzog z.l. was of the same opinion." But, the son of Rav Zevin, denied that his father z.l. had ever given such a ruling.

That being so, let us take a look at the sources, and see where they will lead us. In Genesis, Chapter 14:14, we have an instance of a military draft: "And when Abram heard that his brother Lot was taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them as far as Dan."

Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz z.l. points out that the Hebrew word translated as, "and he led out," is va-yorek, which means "and he emptied out; it therefore signifies that he called upon every one of his dependents to aid him in the attempt to rescue Lot." That was a total draft. Abraham was a Rosh Yeshiva who went out to battle, and took all his students with him.

But, the Talmud did not give Abraham a medal for this act. Here is the verdict of a sage in Tractate Nedarim, 32a: "Wherefore was Abraham punished, and his descendants enslaved in Egypt for 210 years? Because he took Talmidei chachamim (the disciples of the wise) out to war." Thus, even Abraham was not forgiven for taking men away from their Torah studies.

Dream of ages

The dream of the ages for us is embodied in the dream of rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem. Were that day to arrive, we would surely close all the schools, the factories, the stores, and build the Temple. But, in Tractate Shabbas, 119b, we get this ruling: "School children may not be made to neglect their studies even for the rebuilding of the Temple."

Should you argue that this statement only proves that children's education may not be interrupted for the rebuilding of the Temple, but, we may interrupt adult education for that divine purpose, a text in Tractate Megillah, 16b, disagrees with you:

"The study of the Torah is superior to the building of the Temple, for as long as Baruch ben Noriah was alive, Ezra would not leave him to go up to the land of Israel." And Ezra was one of those who did rebuild the Temple, and the walls of Jerusalem. But, because his master, Baruch, was too old to make the trip, he remained to study with him, to the end.

In summary then, one may not disturb the study of Torah by drafting yeshiva students. Israel has won all its wars; it has never suffered from a lack of soldiers in the field. Hesder yeshivas send goodly numbers of Torah students into the army. When one of them falls, the Torah loses.

When I was a student at Ner Israel, in Baltimore, the US did not draft me to fight Hitler.

Soldiers mistreated Palestinian prisoners

Disciplinary hearing in the works

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Thirty-two soldiers and officers have been tried since the beginning of the intifada for unbecoming conduct toward the residents of the territories, Judge Advocate-General Brig. Amnon Strashnow said last week.

In addition, dozens of other soldiers have been reprimanded by their commanding officers.

Strashnow said that the army had issued "clear" orders concerning how soldiers should treat residents of the territories. He indicated, however, that soldiers confronted with "unexpected situations" had difficulty abiding by the orders.

He said that the army was holding 1,600 Palestinians in administrative detention, compared with some 3,000 a few months ago. Most of the detainees had filed appeals, and all but 200 of the appeals have already been heard by military court judges. The remaining appeals are to be heard soon.

In a related incident, the army confirmed reports that members of a reserve unit stationed in the West Bank had stripped and beaten Palestinian prisoners, and used a dog to intimidate them.

A battalion commander, his deputy and a sergeant involved in the incident, which took place several weeks ago, will be summoned to a disciplinary hearing, and the deputy removed from his post, military sources said.

The incident, revealed by a reservist, was first published in a Jerusalem local weekly on Oct. 7, and its details were submitted to the army by Knesset Member Dedi Zucker of the Citizens Rights Movement.

A military inquiry found that the sergeant had beaten Palestinian prisoners and set his dog on them; that the deputy battalion commander had ordered soldiers to take prisoners to an orchard, where they were stripped to prevent their escape; that the battalion commander had broken military discipline by not preventing such actions.

Imprisonment of Husseini without trial is approved

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The imprisonment without trial of Palestinian activist Faisal Husseini has been approved by a Jerusalem district court judge.

Husseini, jailed three months ago, is serving his fourth term under administrative detention.

He has never been formally charged or brought to trial, but is being held under the emergency regulations of the British Mandate, which Israel retained. Administrative detention is renewable every six months.

Husseini, 48, heads the Institute of Arab Studies in East Jerusalem, which the Israeli authorities ordered closed for a year when he was arrested.

Husseini insists it is a legitimate academic institution. Some in Israel and abroad consider him a moderate. But district court Judge Eliahu Noam accepted the charge by state prosecutor Moshe Lador that Husseini is a key figure among Al Fatah activists in East Jerusalem. Fatah is the military wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The judge maintained that Husseini conducted "subversive activities endangering the security of the state, as well as public security." He ruled that Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin was justified in ordering his arrest.

Administrative arrests can be ordered by the defence minister or by the military officer commanding a region. In the case of residents of Israel proper — as distinguished from the territories — the order must be approved by the president or deputy president of the local district court.

UN General Assembly condemns Israel's actions

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — **The United Nations General Assembly has voted overwhelmingly to condemn Israel's policies in the territories and the measures it has taken to quell the uprising.**

The vote was 130 in favor, with only Israel and the United States against, with 16 abstentions.

The special meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the intifada, the Palestinian uprising in the territories, was requested by the Arab states last week.

In the course of the debate, the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization accused Israel of killing at least 411 Palestinians since the uprising began on Dec. 9, 1987.

But Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Johanan Bein, charged that the meeting was called only "to incite and instigate more violence and more suffering among both Israelis and Palestinian Arabs."

The United States announced in advance of the vote that it would not support the draft resolution, which U.S. Ambassador Herbert Okun said contained "harsh rhetoric" that can "only enflame an already embittered situation."

Okun also charged that the resolution was "an unbalanced document condemning one of the parties without taking into account acts of violence committed by the other side."

The American envoy stressed that the United States was not being biased toward Israel. "My government's opposition to this resolution should not be construed as indifference to the plight of the Palestinian people and to the current situation in the occupied territories," Okun said.

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Two Men grips viewer with credible plot

Survivor confronts Nazi collaborator in CBC film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
TORONTO —

Thanks to a series of Holocaust-related trials in this country in recent years, Canadians have become somewhat sensitized to the Nazis' war crimes.

No one who reads daily newspapers with any care can have failed to notice stories about Jim Keegstra, Ernst Zundel, Helmut Rauca, Imre Finta and, of course, the Deschenes Commission.

Holocaust deniers and war criminals, alleged or not, have certainly come out of the woodwork.

It was only a question of time before one of the national television networks would deal with this topical issue. And on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m., CBC will broadcast *Two Men,* **a drama written by Anna Sandor (the scriptwriter of** *Charlie Grant's War),* **produced by her husband Bill Gough and directed by Gordon Pinsent.**

Two Men, rather than being based on an actual incident, is a composite portrait of a Hungarian Holocaust survivor in Toronto who, to his horror, stumbles upon a Nazi collaborator who contributed to his family's demise.

Alex Koves (John Vernon), the survivor, is watching the Hungarian Hour on cable TV one night. He recognizes a familiar face, that of Michael Barna (Jan Rubes), and he is dumbstruck.

"It's him," he says.

"What am I going to do?"

"I don't know, replies his non-Jewish wife, Margaret (Martha Gibson), who knows exceedingly little about his life in pre-war Hungary.

For all these years, Koves — a watch repairman with no discernible interest in his Jewishness — has tried his utmost to blot out the past. But now, after seeing Barna — an exemplary citizen, good husband and prosperous businessman — he knows that things will never be the same again.

Try as he may, Koves cannot forget Barna's cold-blooded betrayal of his family more than 40 years ago — a betrayal which resulted in their deportation to Auschwitz. "All right, I hear you," he murmurs after riffling through old photographs of his martyred parents, sister and brother.

Koves decides to seek justice, maybe revenge.

He approaches the local police, but to no avail. He meets with his member of Parliament, a gladhanding politician who hardly gives him the time of the day and advises him not " to dredge up the past."

In desperation, he tells his story to a reporter, but no story is published. He pickets Barna's travel agency, holding aloft a poster which reads "Arrow Cross Murderer." (Barna joined that fascist, anti-semitic group). He goes to the National Jewish League, whose director (Nicholas Rice) asks him to drop "this crusade of yours."

Finally, Koves confronts Barna in a pathetic encounter witnessed by Barna's naive, unbelieving wife (Patricia Collins).

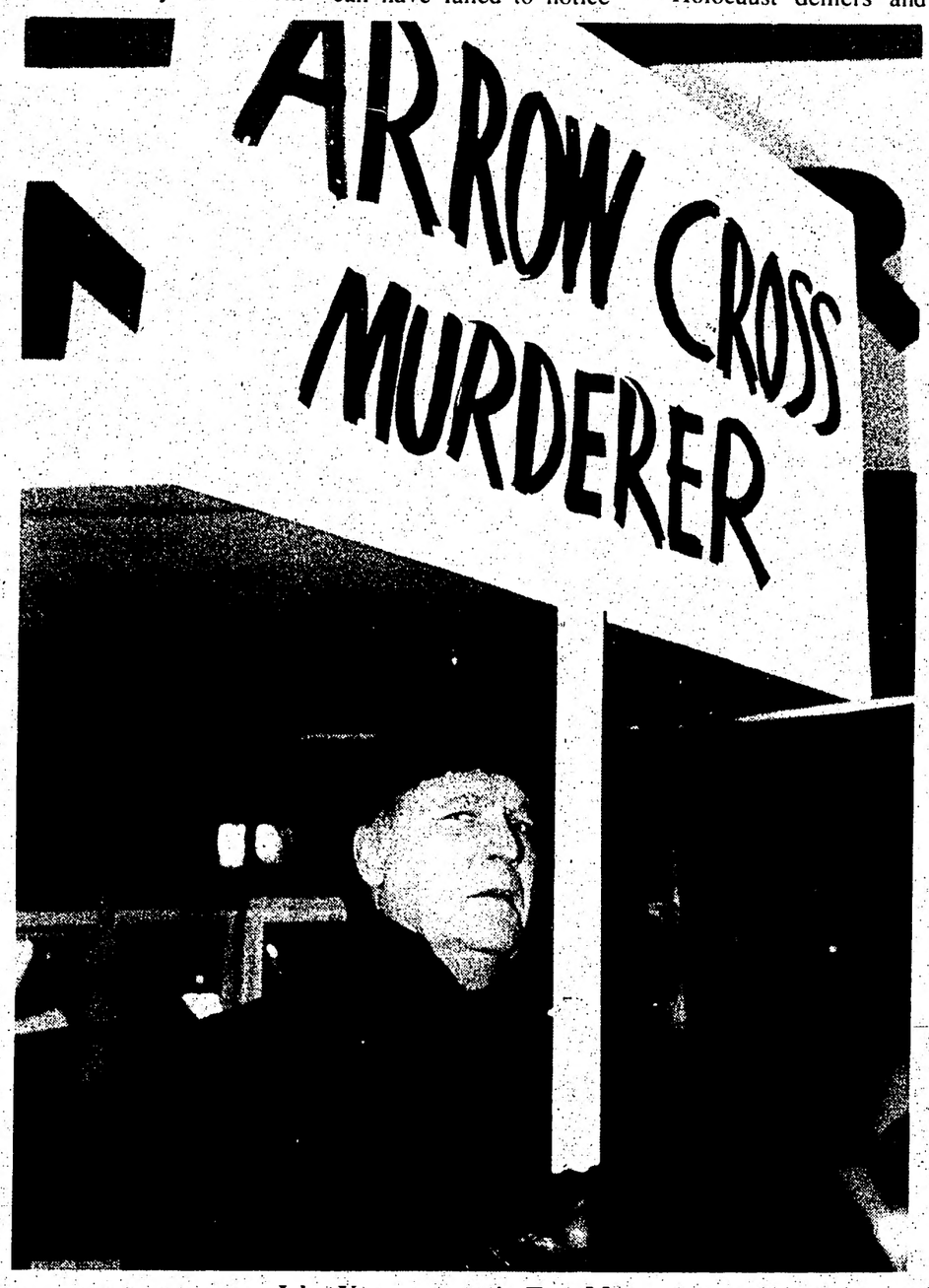
In general, *Two Men* **grips a viewer. The plot, with its plausible dialogue, is timely and credible. But I should add that you may be hard-pressed to accept as realistic Barna's wife's seemingly impulsive, petulant reaction to her husband's crime. Nevertheless,** *Two Men* **brims over with verisimillitude.**

Without exception, the performances are first-rate. John Vernon, sombre and obsessive, looks and acts like a man possessed. Jan Rubes is rather convincing as the glib, treacherous Barna. With tenderness, Lila Kedrova plays the part of his dying friend, a sad-eyed Jewish woman who holds that the only way he can "get back" at Barna is by asserting his Jewish identity.

The film can be understood on different levels. It's about the undescribable pain a Holocaust survivor always carries in his soul. It's about the difficulty of translating that pain to others. It's about the responsibility of memory and the subtle permutations of guilt.

In the last analysis, however, *Two Men* is about undiminished love which transcends time and place.

It's a film any decent, sensitive person will appreciate.



John Vernon stars in Two Men.

IDF to distribute gas masks

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The defence establishment, concerned over the development of gas and chemical warfare weapons in Arab countries, is preparing to distribute gas masks to the public in selected areas on an experimental basis.

The experiment will start in December with residents of Shlomi in the north and Ramat Hasharon near Tel Aviv.

Brig. Gen. Aharon Vardi, chief of civil defence, told reporters it would take four days to distribute gas masks to Israel's entire population of 4.5 million.

Meanwhile, the defence ministry is considering for the first time allowing a commercial manufacturer of gas masks and other anti-chemical equipment to retail its products in Israel.

The Shaalon Co. produces gas masks, safety devices for infants and medical syringes. It exports and sells them to the army, but until now has never sold directly to the Israeli public.

An experimental distribution of gas masks nine years ago was a failure. More than 90% of the equipment was found to have been used incorrectly or damaged.

Vardi said he hoped increased public awareness of the dangers of chemical attack would make the new experiment more successful.

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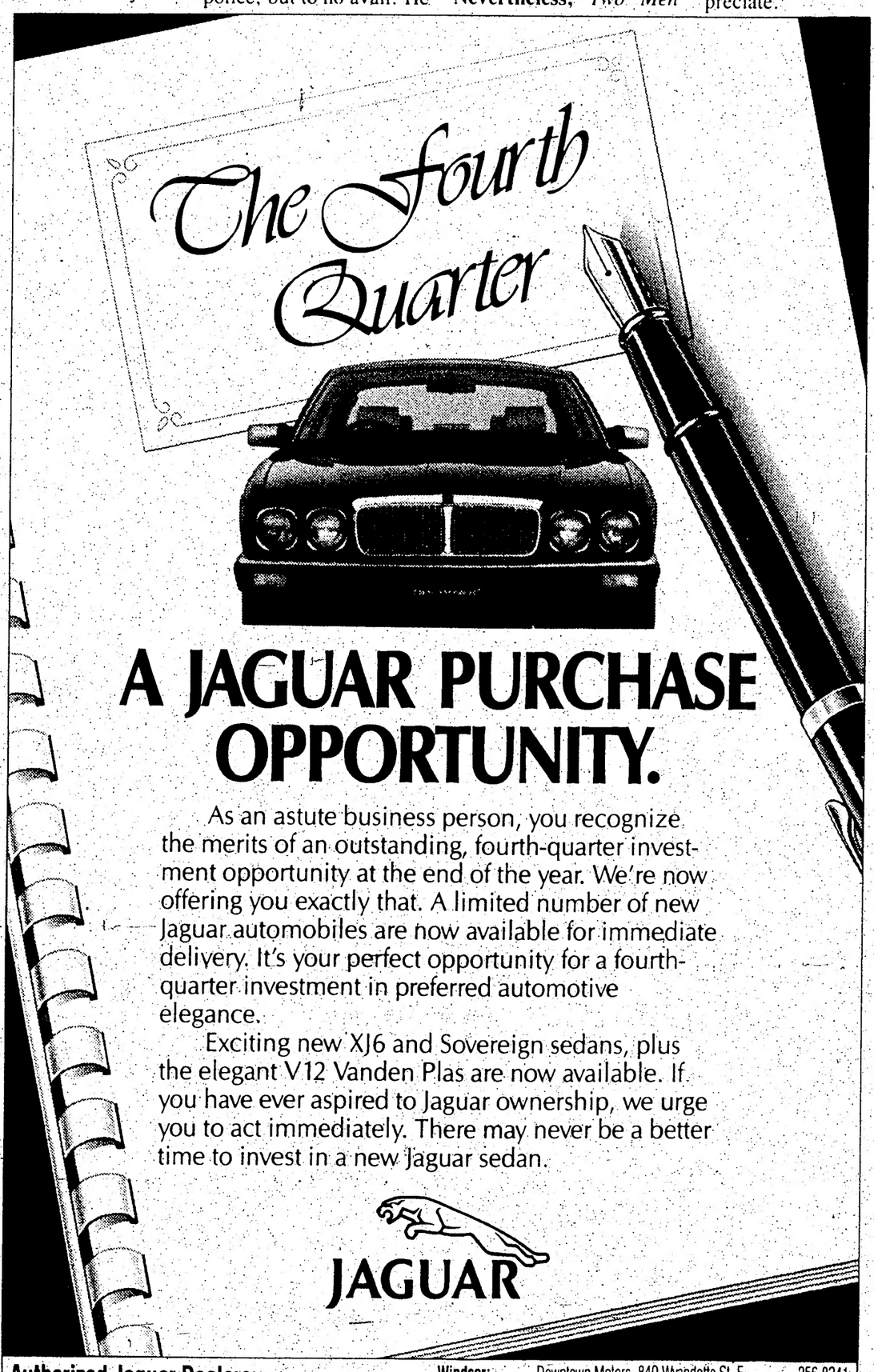

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Shamir must deal with ultra-Orthodox parties

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By contrast, both Likud and Labor produced a lackluster performance. With 99% of the vote counted, they held 40 and 39 Knesset seats, respectively. This was a net loss from the 1984 elections, when they won 41 and 44 seats, respectively.

Labor's humiliation was especially bitter. As soon as the shock and disappointment over the exit poll results was absorbed, a wave of disaffection swept through the halls of a Tel Aviv hotel where a victory party had been planned earlier.

Its focus was party leader Shimon Peres, the foreign minister and former premier who led Labor to its fourth consecutive defeat.

Peres had built the entire campaign around his record, his achievements and his hopes, to the virtual exclusion of all of the top echelon of the Labor Party, except Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Peres played for high stakes, lost, and now the knives are being sharpened.

Energy Minister Moshe Shahal, party Secretary-General Uzi Baram and other party leaders all vented their spleen and frustration to representatives of the news media.

There were celebrations at Likud headquarters. The political arithmetic of the ballot makes the hard-line party the most likely leader of the next government.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, emerged as the only man capable of forming a new government. But his joy is by no means unbounded.

His options are to be Prime Minister of a narrow-based government, in partnership with the ultra-Orthodox and the far right-wing secular parties, or of another broad coalition with Labor.

Both options are fraught with personal, political and ideological difficulties. Shamir's experience as head of a narrow government in 1983 and 1984 left a bitter taste that has not entirely gone away.

At age 73, he would dearly have wished to be spared the need to conduct arduous negotiations with half a dozen extremist parties — extreme rightists and extreme Orthodox — most of which believe correctly that he needs them as much as they need him.

It became clear during the preliminary consultations between Likud and the religious parties that a string of concessions would have to be made on divisive religious issues.

Foremost is the controversial Who is a Jew amendment to the Law of Return. This is not seen as a major pitfall for Likud, since its Herut wing has always supported the Orthodox measure, which would provide a restrictive definition of conversion in the classification of Jews entitled to Israeli citizenship.

Herut and its Liberal Party partners in the Likud can presumably live with that. But passage of the amendment would arouse the fury of the non-Orthodox, who comprise the majority of affiliated Jews in the United States and elsewhere overseas.

Herut, presumably, could also live with demands for fatter government subsidies for the ultra-Orthodox community's educational and welfare institutions.

But the religious parties plainly do not intend to stop there. Dealing, as they are see it, from a position of strength, they are expected to demand government enforcement of all kinds of religious customs and restrictions, such as the closing of movie theatres on the Sabbath.

In the eyes of many secular Israelis, of all political persuasions, such measures would constitute a direct assault on their personal freedom.

On the far right, moreover, Shamir can expect constant pressure to abrogate the 1978 Camp David Accords, to annex the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and to embark on a vast new settlement program in those territories.

The far-right Tsomet party and the NRP also urge the mass expulsion of Palestinian activists as the way to curb the uprising.

Shamir said last week he would refuse demands to annex the territories and expel Arabs from them. But he pledged to step up the pace of building new settlements.

Likud went into the elections cleaving to Camp David, which was the achievement of its longtime revered leader, Menachem Begin. One of its likely coalition partners, the expansionist Tehiya party, fought its election campaign on an anti-Camp David program.

The even more extreme Moledet party demands the mass transfer of Arabs from Israel and the territories, as part of a negotiated peace settlement. Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach party was banned from the elections for advocating an immediate transfer of the Arabs, a position the central elections committee deemed racist.

Yet without Moledet's two seats, Shamir's majority would be whittled down to the barest minimum, and his government would be at the mercy of the whim's of any one of its components.

All of these factors lead observers not to rule out another unity coalition with the Labor Party — though one in which Likud clearly would be the dominant partner and Peres would play no role.

Shamir's animosity toward Peres is on the personal as well as political level. Many pundits believe that if Shamir can be rid of Peres, he would actually like to keep Rabin as defence minister, rather than have to appoint his powerful and fiercely conroversial Herut rival, Ariel Sharon, to that office, or the even harder-line Tehiya leader, Yuval Ne'eman.

Within Likud, the fact that it edged out Labor means that neither Sharon nor the ambitious Housing Minister David Levy can immediately press their challenges to Shamir's leadership of the party.

Yet Likud's own relatively weak performance has hardly enhanced Shamir's standing. He cannot afford to offend his rivals by offering them less than the plum posts they consider their due.

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About 2.8 million voters were eligible to cast ballots at nearly 5,000 polling stations all over Israel.

Voter turnout was the highest since 1949, when 86% of the electorate voted for the first Knesset. In the last elections, in 1984, there was an 80% turnout.

Dry weather and sunny skies helped bring the voters out. The polling stations opened at 7 a.m. local time and closed at 10 p.m.

More than 7,000 police officers were on special duty around the country to maintain order. They had little work to do.

Minor scuffles were reported, mainly between rival ultra-Orthodox groups.

Two residents of the Israeli Arab village of Jisr e-Zarka were slightly injured when shots were fired, reportedly in a political quarrel.

In the ultra-Orthodox township of Bnei Brak, the manager of a home for the aged was accused of "borrowing" the identity cards of several elderly residents in order to vote more than once.

A woman in Bnei Brak complained that her ID card was snatched from her hand as she waited in line to vote.

Rival religious factions lit bonfires on the main street of Bnei Brak and hurled invectives at each other until police arrived to separate them and extinguished the fires.

The Chasidim urged all males to don tefillin before entering the voting booth.

The central election committee rejected a complaint by Mapam, the United Workers Party of Israel, that balloons with the Likud party name and ballot code letters tethered to some polling stations constituted illegal propaganda.

Religious demands issued

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lation and the empowerment law.

• Preserving the Jewish character of the state in public.

• A sweeping new settlement drive in the territories, and tougher measures to suppress the Palestinian uprising.

• Material encouragement to increase the Jewish birthrate, and higher subsidies for large families.

Agudat Yisrael, also with five seats, does not seek cabinet portfolios, but would insist on the director generalships of key ministries.

It also is pushing for:

• Who is a Jew legislation.

• Tougher anti-autopsy legislation.

• Tougher enforcement of the law banning abortion for socio-economic reasons.

• Legislation explicitly banning archaeological digs where there might be ancient Jewish burial sites.

• Preserving the Jewish character of the state in public.

The Degel HaTorah party, an Agudat Yisrael breakaway which has one, or possibly two Knesset seats, is demanding:

• "Equal treatment for the Orthodox sector" in education, housing, culture and welfare. It does not insist on Who is a Jew legislation.

The Who is a Jew measure has infuriated Reform, Progressive and Conservative Jews, who comprise the majority of affiliated Jews in the United States and most other Diaspora countries.

Any Israeli government that attempted to force its passage would be under severe pressure from those sources, with unpredictable outcomes.

Meanwhile, the secular right-wing parties did rather poorly in the elections. But they need Likud if they are to be part of government and Likud needs them.

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Diaspora fears the return of Who is a Jew issue

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Masorti (Conservative) movement in Israel, Rabbi Pinhas Spector, called on the leaders of the two large parties to refrain from "giving in to the dictates of non-Zionist factions in the Knesset that are opposed to serving in the Israel Defence Forces.

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Meanwhile, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in a report from New York, says that the attempt by Israel's religious parties to resurrect the Who is a Jew amendment in coalition-building negotiations is causing deep concern among major American Jewish organizations.

In separate cables sent after the religious parties' stunning success in the elections became apparent, Zionist and religious organizations urged Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir and Labor leader Shimon Peres not to allow Who is a Jew to become a bargaining chip.

Their concerns were heightened when all but one of the Orthodox parties said they would not be willing to participate in a government unless the ruling party guaranteed that the Knesset would pass the amendment.

The amendment would change Israel's legal definition of a Jew to exclude people who are converted according to the standards of Reform or Conservative Judaism.

The Knesset has rejected the amendment over the past 10 years, saying it would delegitimize and thereby alienate Diaspora Jews, especially the clear majority of affiliated American Jews who are either Reform or Conservative.

Organizations cabling Israel included the Zionist Organization of America, the American Jewish Congress, Reform Judaism's Union of American Hebrew Congregation, Association of Reform Zionists of America and Mercaz.

Robert Lofton, president of AJCongress, said in his cable: "Any action to change this law would be a grave error, a betrayal of Jewish unity and would certainly alienate the American Jewish community.

"The principle behind the Law of Return must transcend-partisan political gain," he said.

Both Shamir and Peres have in the past assured American Jewish leaders that they would try to keep the amendment from becoming a political issue.

Leaders of the Reform movement expressed the hope that the two leaders would hold to those assurances.

But if the religious parties are successful in pushing the amendment, "there will be hell to pay here," said Rabbi Joseph Glaser, executive vice-president of Reform's Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Among Glaser's concerns, and those of other leaders, was that American Jews would perceive Israel as dominated by ultra-Orthodox parties and would curtail their contributions to the United Jewish Appeal.

But Glaser said that he has been reminding colleagues that the UJA and its chief beneficiary, the Jewish Agency, "are not politicized," and cutting off contributions would only punish Israel's citizens.

Schwartz of CJF said he did not think Who is a Jew would threaten contributions to federations and UJA.

"Some individuals may articulate that, but the largest portion of them will remain loyal to their responsibility. Their dollars are not going to the government of Israel, but to new immigrants, their resettlement, their education, their housing."

Nevertheless, CJF will in all likelihood battle the amendment, as it did earlier this year by joining UJA in placing advertisements in the Israeli press.

Other groups, mostly Orthodox, have criticized such direct involvement in Israel's political process. But Schwartz defended the advocacy role:

"The largest portion of our constituents has asked us to take and activate a strong position on this. We are not taking a position on substance. What we are saying is that the Knesset is the wrong forum to adjudicate this issue."

Delegation to Soviet Union meets with Jewish activists

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eager to get the question of Jewish rights and emigration off the bargaining table. And it's actions, rather than simply words, that count," said Steinberg.

A participant to the talks who asked not to be named said the discussion included a "lengthy review of emigration statistics and procedures. We were advised that the recent favorable trend in terms of numbers would continue."

The Jewish delegation also raised the issue of government anti-semitism.

While in the Soviet Union, the Jewish delegation held talks with groups of Soviet Jewish activists, including Hebrew teachers from several Soviet cities.

Of central importance to the talks with Shevardnadze was the establishment of a Jewish cultural centre, which is expected to open in February. Agreement for the centre was inked Oct. 21 in Moscow between Isi Leibler, head of the Australian Jewish community and vice president of the WJCongress, and Mikhail Gluz, director of the small, official Moscow Jewish Musical Theater (CJN Nov. 3).

The centre is expected to feature a Jewish library, including books in Russian, Hebrew, Yiddish and English. The Jewish delegation brought to Moscow the largest shipment ever of books on Jewish subjects in those languages.

The centre will be named the Solomon Mikhoels Cultural Center, after the famed Russian Yiddish actor who was murdered by Stalin in 1949. Mikhoels' relatives, who live in Israel, will be invited to the February opening of the centre.

The delegation was given assurances that the de facto legalization of the private teaching of Hebrew had taken place, and that the law prohibiting that activity would be deleted from the revised Soviet penal code, possibly by spring.

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MOSCOW (JTA) — Most of the audience was Jewish. Most of the performers were Russian. And while the dialogue was in Russian, it was liberally sprinkled with Yiddish phrases, and nearly all of the songs were sung in Hebrew.

The place was Moscow's Hermitage Theatre. The play staged there last week was Benjamin III's Trip to the Holy Land, based on a humorous tale by Mendele Mocher Sforim, the famed Jewish storyteller of 19th and early 20th century Russia.

According to the theatre's chief director Mikhail Levitin and others, the performance was a breakthrough. It was the first time a Soviet theatre was allowed to stage a play that symbolizes Jewish aspirations to go to Israel.

Meanwhile, Levitin said in an interview his theatre was not under pressure by the authorities to renounce the play, though it contains a very strong Jewish national element.

In fact, critics have hailed the performance as superb, and praised the actors and director alike for their excellent work.

"Today, in the age of perestroika (restructuring) and glasnost (openness), you cannot deal with Soviet culture but disregard Jewish culture," Levitin said.

"And Jewish culture inevitably implies dealing with the land of Israel and the people of Israel. You just can't separate all of these things."

Some of the Hebrew songs contained unabashed calls to go to Israel. The enthusiastic audience of several hundred was brought to tears when Russian actors uttered such Hebrew words as Eretz Yisrael, Har Zion, Kever Rachel Imenu, Ribono Shel Olam, and many more.

For the first time in the history of the Hermitage, the theatre program was printed in both Russian and Hebrew.

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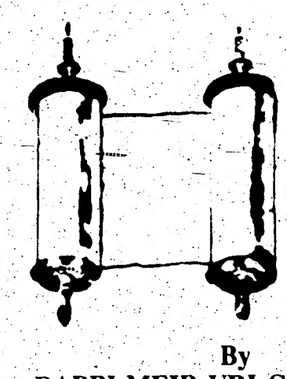

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Toldot/Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Children. Heirs. Descendants.

A Jew can have two types of children — physical children, and "spiritual children," the good angels he or she creates by *maasim tovim, good deeds, mitzvahs.*

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Rabbi Gottesman

Once the two great luminaries, the Netziv of Volozhin and Rabbi Yitzhak Elchanan Spektor, went to St. Petersburg to plead for the Jewish population. It was an urgent mission, and they had no time to return to their homes. They were forced to spend Yom Kippur among Jewish soldiers who had been drafted into the Czar's army for 25 years.

The two great scholars sat before Kol Nidrei as an old soldier climbed the bimah. He spoke to his comrades: "Brothers, all our fellow Jews pray on Yom Kippur for three things: children, long life, and sustenance.

"But, children we have no need to pray for (the soldiers were forbidden to marry); long life — every day we must put our lives at risk for the Czar; sustenance, livelihood — the Czar takes care of all our needs!

"So, what do we have to pray for except 'Yisgadal v'yiskadash shmay rabbah' — that the Alighty's holy name be exalted in the world! So let us pour our hearts out for His sake!"

And the rough soldiers, together with the great rabbis, wept with penitence.

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Every day we give birth to new children, mitzvah children, avairo children — our good deeds, our bad deeds, our good angels, our bad angels, our sad angels, our self destructive angels.

We must only create good angels, angels that lift us up.

The parsha begins . . . "V'ayleh toldot Yitzchak ben Avraham . . . And these are the children of Isaac son of Abraham. . . ." (Breishit 25:19)

There are two Hebrew words: "Ayleh — these are . . ." "V'ayleh — and these are . . .

When the Torah uses the word: "V'ayleh, and these are," then it is adding to what went before it. "And these are the children of Isaac the son of Abraham . . ." These children are in addition to Isaac's previous children!

But Isaac didn't have children previously! Jacob and Esau that the Torah was about to describe were Isaac's first and only children! What is the Torah teaching us?

But all those years that Isaac was married to Rebeccah without children, what was he doing? What was she doing? They were creating a myriad of "spiritual children," good deeds, words of Torah study, kindness to others, serving as an example to the world of piety.

The most precious commodity on the market today is not real estate; not gold; not stocks; not the Canadian dollar (especially not the Canadian dollar). It is time, every hour, every minute, every second, every day, to accomplish something, to study some Torah, to visit the sick, to volunteer, to raise funds for the needy, to save time, to enshrine time with holiness.

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We all have a chance. A conceited "yachsan" (high pedigree) taunted the Kuznitzer Maggid: "The difference between me and you is that I am a descendant of great ones and you of a simple book-binder!"

Answered the Maggid: "The difference is that your pedigree ends with you and mine begins with me!"

Our greatest pedigree is our own deeds. Shabbat Shalom.

Liberal MPP receives petition

Day schools call for public funds

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — A petition containing more than 200 signatures of parents requesting public financial aid for Jewish schools was presented to MPP Dianne Poole recently.

The presentation was made following a 3-person panel discussion on the funding issue organized by the Parents Council of the Hebrew Day Schools. Poole later read the petition, which called for funding based on recommendations of the 1985 Shapiro report on private schools, in the legislature.

The report, authored by Prof. Bernard Shapiro, then director of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, argues it is a moral imperative that independent schools be publicly funded in light of the support offered Roman Catholic schools.

Poole, chairperson of the legislature's select committee on education, underwent gentle criticism from funding advocates Lyle McBurney, executive director of the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools, and Murray Segal, chairman of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education (OJAEE).

The two questioned the Liberal MPP over her party's refusal to implement Shapiro's recommendations.

Segal pointed to provisions in the federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the provincial Human Rights Act which trumpet Canadians' rights to be treated equally under the law. If that is the case, "why do some people in this country have more rights than others?" he asked.

Segal said the executive of Ontario Region of Canadian Jewish Congress, which founded OJAEE to push for public funding, is now "virtually unanimous" in support for such financing.

Congress feels it's a "moral outrage" that one group is entitled to provincial money while other communities are not, he said.

Segal said OJAEE is attempting to persuade the provincial government to change its policy on the funding issue.

The legal appeal avenue was closed to OJAEE, he said, when the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the constitutionality of the law which gives Catholic schools funding through grade 13.

The court ruled that the bargain entered at Confederation, which gives Catholic schools in Ontario (and Protestant schools in Quebec) the right to public funding, is not superceded by the Charter's equality provisions.

The High Court did not say funding is illegal, only that it is not mandatory, Segal stated.

He suggested the government did not anticipate the animosity created by funding for Catholic schools and is now "afraid to touch" the issue.

It could be several years before a change in government policy is a realistic prospect, he added.

McBurney, called "the godfather" of public funding advocacy by moderator Bernie Farber, echoed Segal's comments on equality, adding equal treatment is necessary so each person feels part of the greater community.

Contrary to fears that support for independent schools would divide society, the community benefits from pluralism and is not threatened by it, McBurney said. Government, on the other hand, becomes an "active discriminator" when it knows to do right and doesn't carry through, he added.

Poole prefaced her remarks by noting she would play "devil's advocate" and repeat the arguments against school funding, even if she didn't believe them all.

She noted the historic reality of Confederation and the agreement to allow special privileges for minority education as a fundamental part of the bargain.

She asked where government would draw the line if smaller groups claimed entitlement to government funding: would groups like Hare Krishnas, the Church of Scientology and others also be entitled?

How would the government, which already spends 20% of its budget on education and which faces increasing demands from the public system, pay for the increased costs, she asked.

Is it not the role of the public system to "acculturate" the large number of immigrants to Toronto in public schools, she asked.

Having stated the arguments against public funding, Poole conceded she too is "grappling with this issue."

And the government, she said, "is listening."

But, she suggested, "a little judicious pressure on your MPP" can work wonders.

A constant stream of letters, telegrams and meetings can be effective lobbying tools, she said, since in politics "the squeaky wheel gets the grease."

She said she had not received a single letter or phone call that she could use "as ammunition" with which to fight for public funding. (Afterwards she was presented with the petition.)

Chairing the panel discussion at Associated Hebrew Schools was Bernie Farber, associate director of community relations for Congress. Terri Weintraub, an executive member of the Parents Council of Hebrew Day Schools, introduced the panelists.

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Speaks to UJA Heavy Industry and Metals Division

Greenspan: Fate of Israel is fate of all Jews

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

From the moment he walked up to the podium, it was apparent that Eddie Greenspan was right at home with his audience.

No, the celebrated criminal lawyer was not addressing a meeting of the Canadian Bar Association. He was the guest speaker at a function organized by United Jewish Appeal's Heavy Industry & Metals Division.

Tom Lobel, who introduced Greenspan, informed the attendance of more than 50 in the Trillium Room at the Inn on the Park, that "Eddie comes from a family of scrap metal dealers." Both his father and grandfather were in the business in Niagara Falls where he grew up.

Greenspan's opening remarks got a big laugh when he noted that the business has taken on new respectability and relevance. "Former junk dealers are scrap metal recyclists in the 80s."

He then turned his attention to the situation on Israel's West Bank and to the question of why there has been such worldwide condemnation.

Greenspan doesn't go along with the view that mounting media criticism stems from the fact that Israel is no longer perceived as the underdog of the Middle East.

"On the contrary, positive world opinion was with Israel following the 1956 Sinai campaign, the Six Day War and Entebbe," he stated. "Those successes contributed to the power image. Now her enemies are legion and that places Israel in a very vulnerable position. The world loves Goliath and sheds crocodile tears for David."

Now more than ever, said Greenspan, is the time for all Jews to rally behind the Jewish state as the battle for her very existence is waged. "The fate of Israel is the fate of all Jews."

Greenspan added that he fully endorses Israel's actions on the West Bank. "What would Canadian authorities do if a large group of residents stoned police on a daily basis?" He then went on to remind his listeners of the time the Trudeau government brought in the War Measures Act because of a perceived threat to the country's security by a very small group of people.

He said world Jewry should reject criticism and back Israel "in her constant quest for peace . . . an essential part of the Jewish psyche."

This was a significant evening for the newly-reorganized division, chaired this year by Gerald Richler. With the upsurge in construction and development, business, as dinner chairman Morris Kaufman stated, is booming as never before throughout the heavy metals industry. What had in the past been a major UJA division, he added, is coming to the fore once again.

Kaufman, for many years a top-ranking member of Toronto's Jewish communal leadership, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young men attending the dinner. He sees it as a good omen of things to come in this and future campaigns.

Also present at the dinner were 1989 campaign co-chairmen Julia Koschitzky and Don Rafelman. Rafelman who provided a brief update on the campaign and the recent Special Gifts Mission in which he participated, also remarked on the number of young people involved in the campaign.

"This is a campaign based on pride and the results are showing it," he stated.

The committee responsible for the evening included Ivan Betcherman, Irving Cooper, Jack Livingston, Tom Lobel and Mendel Shore.

Chatting before program began at UJA Heavy Industry & Metals Division dinner are (from left) Gerlad Richler, Eddie Greenspan, Ivan Betcherman and Morris Kaufman.

50 Ont. women off to convention

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Election Update

Marty Zelenietz runs in Nova Scotia

NDP candidate faces uphill battle in Tory area

By
PHIL FINE

DARTMOUTH, NS — Marty Zelenietz faces an uphill battle.

Not only has he never run for political office, he's also the NDP standard bearer in a federal riding, Dartmouth, which has yet to send an NDP candidate to Ottawa. What's more, he's up against Tory Mike Forrestall who has held the riding for the last 23 years.

Yet, Zelenietz, who's Jewish, considers his candidacy important.

"The time is ripe for a change," he says. "There's a lot of dissatisfaction with the invisibility of the incumbent."

Zelenietz himself might be said to be courting dissatisfaction given the NDP's call for Canada's withdrawal from NATO. Indeed, he admits the party's stand has frightened many in Dartmouth which, like its sister city of Halifax, depends heavily on the military for jobs.

But there's little cause for worry, he says. Under the NDP's made-in-Canada defence policy, the coastal patrol boats, mine sweepers and other craft the country will need will be made in Canadian shipyards like the one in Halifax.

Not surprisingly, Zelenietz opposes free trade. trade.

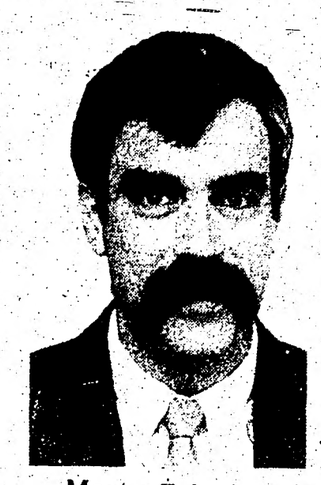
"Having chosen to become a Canadian citizen, I don't want to become an American citizen again," says the Chicago-born academic.

Moreover, he doubts the wisdom of tying Canada to what he says is the world's biggest debtor nation. Rather than closer ties with the United States, it would make more sense, he argues, to link up with the "stronger developing economies along the Pacific rim."

Although Zelenietz's overwhelmingly suburban riding can boast few Jewish voters, the 37-year-old anthropology professor has some firm views on Jewish issues.

Israel, he says, should, after making allowances for security, give both the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to the Palestinians. This will almost guarantee peace, since the Palestinians, he argues, will be preoccupied with their own internal strife for at least 15 years. As for Canada, it should continue in its role as a Mideast peace keeper.

Zelenietz believes Canadians who are war criminals should be prosecuted in Canada.



Marty Zelenietz

"If we have war criminals here, I think they should not be allowed to live out their old age in peace and happiness because there are a lot of Holocaust victims who have never been allowed to live out their lives in peace and happiness."

He has no objections to the use of East Bloc evidence in war crimes trials — provided such evidence meets Canadian judicial standards.

He also thinks Canada should, if necessary, strengthen its hate propaganda laws.

"There comes a point when scholarship stops and dissemination of malicious propaganda starts. It's a fine line though," he admits.

Zelenietz believes Ottawa should press Moscow to allow more Soviet Jews to leave. But he doubts a trade embargo would work.

"I think we can push the Soviet Union — perhaps by manipulating our cultural ties."

Zelenietz, who teaches at St. Mary's University in Halifax, earned a BA at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, an MA at the University of Manitoba and a PhD at McMaster University in Hamilton. Married (his wife Jill teaches environmental planning at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design), he has two children: Sari, 7, and Caleb, 3.

PC Schwartz runs in Nfld.

GRAND FALLS, Nfld.

The Jewish vote in the riding of Gander-Grand Falls is one thing Tory candidate Abe Schwartz can take for granted on Nov. 21. Unless, of course, his wife Eden switches parties.

The Schwartzes, needless to say, are the only Jews in this riding of 53,000 fishermen, loggers, pulp mill workers and government employees in north central Newfoundland.

Although a political newcomer; Schwartz is a familiar face in Grand Falls where he's practiced criminal and civil law for the past 15 years. Indeed, the 41-year-old barrister is no stranger to Canada's newest province, having moved there with his mother and father when he was one-year-old.

That move was a new beginning — not just for Schwartz who was born in a West German refugee camp — but for his parents who were Holocaust survivors. The family first settled in Deer Lake, about 30 miles north of Corner Brook on Newfoundland's west coast, moving to Springdale in the north central part of the province eight years later.

Although Schwartz would eventually earn both a BSC and a law degree at Dalhousie University in Halifax, he received his entire secondary education in Deer Lake and Springdale. Indeed, he speaks with a characteristic Newfie twang.

Schwartz supports free trade. By giving the province more jobs, the deal, he says, could help Newfoundlanders break free from what he says is the debilitating cycle of getting short-term work merely to qualify for unemployment insurance.

As well as free trade, Abe is also a passionate supporter of free speech — provided, he says, it doesn't offend any group in society. He also believes Ottawa should press Moscow to loosen emigration restrictions for Jews. But he doubts this would be brought about through economic pressure. Canada's trade with the Soviets, he says, consists largely of wheat and other commodities which Moscow could easily obtain elsewhere if Ottawa were to impose an embargo.

As might be expected of one whose family fell victim to the Nazis, Abe believes Canadians guilty of war crimes should be tried in Canada.

"I have very few relatives left in my family as a direct result of the Holocaust," he says. "And, it bothers me that many war criminals are now living happily and free."

He sees no problem using East Bloc evidence to convict them — as long as such evidence is genuine.

But he does have difficulty with Canada or any other country pressuring Israel into recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization. He admits, however, to a hope for negotiations.

"I would like to see some type of relationship between the PLO and Israel although I know I'm asking for pie in the sky."

Schwartz faces a 2-way battle in Gander-Grand Falls with Bryan Blackmore of the NDP and George Baker of the Liberals. The latter has held the riding for 14 years. And, in Atlantic Canada, personal appeal reputedly counts for more than party affiliation.

Nevertheless, Abe remains optimistic.

"We still think we're going to win," he says without a moment's hesitation.

Batsheva on tour

VANCOUVER — Singer/songwriter Batsheva will perform here Nov. 10, the first of seven concerts in British Columbia co-sponsored by the national office of the Canadian Jewish Congress and by the Pacific region CJC.

The folksinger, who has been a TV producer under her English name of Susan Avery, crosses the country three or four times a year on tour. She will be back in Toronto Jan. 15, for a return appearance at the Flying Cloud Folk Club, sponsored by the Mariposa Folk Foundation.

At the Northern Lights Folk Festival this past summer, "Batsheva brought the house down with her traditional Jewish repertoire," said a spokesman.

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Election Update

Tory, Liberal running "neck and neck"

Peterson, Oostrom set for Willowdale rematch

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — John Oostrom knows he's in for a tough fight.

About one month before Canadians go to the polls in the Nov. 21 federal election, the Conservative incumbent in the heavily Jewish riding of Willowdale concedes he's running "neck and neck" with Liberal Jim Peterson.

In the Tory sweep of 1984, the Dutch-born Oostrom captured the north Toronto seat by the narrowest of margins — by 362 votes out of a total of about 52,000 cast, or 0.7%.

Anne Adelson

Oostrom's main opponent in 1984 was Jim Peterson, brother of Ontario Premier David Peterson. The two are again squaring off in a second bid for the seat.

Contesting the race for the New Democrats is Anne Adelson, a coordinator of programming for families of handicapped children in North York, who argues that with the resurgence of the NDP, the public is open for a complete change from its traditional representatives.

Willowdale's Jewish population numbers more than 19,000, making it the second largest "Jewish riding" in the country. It is bounded roughly by the two branches of the Don River in the east and west, by Highway 401 in the south and

John Oostrom

Steeles Ave. in the north. With a substantial Jewish voter base, each of the candidates showed themselves to be well versed in the issues that touch these balloters, and supportive of their concerns.

Oostrom points with pride to his membership in the executive of the Soviet Jewry Committee in Parliament and recalls a trip he took to the Soviet Union in April when he met with Refuseniks in Moscow, Leningrad and Vilnius (Vilna).

The Tories, he said, in meetings wtih Soviet officials always bring up "outstanding cases (of Refuseniks) we want resolved."

Peterson, who held the seat from 1980-84, feels his contribution to the cause of Soviet Jewry is greater: "As chairman of the (committee), I was the one who increased its membership from 20 to 211, making it the largest such committee in the world."

He recalls a 1984 conversation with the Soviet counsel, who claimed his concern was motivated by vote-seeking. "I said, 'this is more than a Jewish issue,' " and proved it to him by expanding the number of MPs on the committee to more than 200 — most in ridings with little or no Jewish population.

Adelson, a Jewish native of South Africa who has lived in Canada for 10 years, notes that historically the NDP, and before it the CCF, have been concerned with refugees and political persecutees.

It was the only party that supported Jewish refugees from fascism, she said, and opposed Canada's restrictive immigration policy before and during the war.

Like her opponents, she favors strenuous activities on behalf of Soviet Jews and would join the parliamentary committee should she be elected.

Peterson maintains that Canadians must "keep up the pressure in every way." He said there are Soviet emigres in Italy who are languishing there for up to seven months. By changes to immigration procedures, such as quicker security checks, placing greater staff in Moscow to take applications for visas, increasing government sponsorship of emigres, and placing Soviet citizens in a different category than other East European refugees, the number of Soviet Jews brought to Canada

Jim Peterson

could be increased, he said.

On the question of anti-hate laws such as Section 281.2 of the federal Criminal Code, which prohibits the wilful promotion of hatred against identifiable groups, all candidates agreed a law must be retained against hatemongering.

Should the Supreme Court of Canada rule the current legislation unconstitutional (in separate cases the Alberta Court of Appeal has overturned it, while the Ontario appeal court judged it constitutional), all three agreed a new law should be drafted to prevent groups from being publicly vilified.

Oostrom and Peterson took issue with each other's record on war criminals. Referring to the inaction of "the bloody Liberals," Oostrom said "this bloody government acted. It put in a law that war criminals can be prosecuted in Canada."

Oostrom said he is "fully supportive" of charging the 20 individuals mentioned in the Deschenes Commission report and said he sees no evidence federal prosecutors are stalling in bringing them to justice.

Adelson said "time is of the essence" in bringing war criminals to justice and she said a special task force with improved resources should be allocated to the prosecution of war criminals.

Peterson said he is not proud of the Liberal's inaction during the Trudeau years, but noted he, along with former solicitor general Robert Kaplan were active in attempting to get things started.

It was the Grits who began the process by extraditing Helmut Rauca to West Germany, he said. (Rauca died in custody before a trial could begin.)

Oostrom, Peterson said, was one of a group of Tory MPs who tried to prevent the Deschenes Commission from taking evidence in the Soviet Union.

Oostrom said he continues to have "serious misgivings" about Soviet evidence. He said he opposes use of Soviet-supplied evidence unless all assurances can be given to assure that Canadian investigators have access to any East Bloc witness and other safeguards are met. But "we haven't been given these assurances," he said.

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Lastmans' tribute a Bonds success

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

Marilyn Lastman and her husband Mel (second from right) display their Bonds' Israel 40th Anniversary Medal as Bonds officials Alex Grossman (left) and David Hermelin (right) look on.

TORONTO —
No matter what he does, North York Mayor Mel Lastman is never far away from the world of politics.

And a recent black tie affair in his and his wife Marilyn's honor proved to be no exception, when the event, planned more than six months in advance, accidentally fell on the day of the Israeli election.

"As we enjoy our dinner this evening, a vote is being counted in our beloved Israel," master of ceremonies Paul Godfrey told the audience.

"It's an important vote that will determine the future of that country," said Godfrey, publisher of The Toronto Sun.

More than 650 people attended the $500-a-plate dinner held in the balloon-decorated main ballroom of the luxurious, suburban Inn on the Park.

The evening — Israel Bonds' main annual citywide event — is believed to have resulted in the largest amount of notes and Bonds ever sold at a North American community event.

Excitement mounted when half-way during the dinner Israeli Consul-General Benjamin Abileah announced the latest election results.

Although only one-third of the votes had been counted, a close split between Labor and Likud seemed likely, Abileah predicted.

During the event, the Lastmans were praised as caring people, whose outstanding business, political and charitable ventures were well known to the community.

"Marilyn and Mel Lastman mean many things to many people," said their oldest son, Dale.

"To the residents of the City of North York they represent honest, powerful government and an undaunted devotion to making the city a safer, cleaner and more beautiful place to live," the 31-year-old corporate lawyer said.

"To the beneficiaries of the numerous charities, they represent a source of hope and a vastly improved quality of life.

"To the Jewish community, they represent a source of pride and a model for others."

Dale said he and his brother, Blayne, "couldn't begin" to express the love, admiration and respect they felt for their parents.

Blayne added jokingly that having his parents in politics has had its advantages.

The 27-year-old manufacturer's agent told the audience he and his insurance secretary wife, Adrienne, were married in the same ballroom just six months before, and their wedding cake had been 10 feet tall.

"It was only my parents' astute political maneouvering that got this cake project through the committee of adjustments, the Ontario Municipal Board and finally obtained a building permit for it," he said, as the audience roared.

Lastman and his wife were later presented with Bonds' Israel 40th Anniversary Medal.

"It honors those who have devoted time and energy to the miracle of building Israel's economic infrastructure," said award presenter David Hermelin, who is Israel Bonds' international campaign chairman.

The couple also received congratulatory messages from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Ontario Premier David Peterson, and Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn.

Lastman thanked the crowd, saying he and his wife were moved by the tribute and even more moved by the show of support for Israel Bonds.

"Through your continued acquisition of Bonds and notes, Israel has accomplished a miracle, transforming barren desert into green and fertile lands, and removing salt from the sea, making it fresh and pure," said the 55-year-old former owner and founder of the Bad Boy chain of appliance stores.

"You have helped finance roads, power stations, hospitals, railways and other mega projects that are vital to the economic health of the State of Israel," Lastman said.

His wife, Marilyn, also thanked the crowd for its support of Israel Bonds.

"But most of all we thank you for making the name Lastman a tiny piece of eternity in a land that is every inch biblical and which more and more I realize is, indeed, the promised land for all," she said, overcome with emotion.

Other program participants included Cantor Paul Kowarsky, of Beth Tzedec Congregation, who led the national anthems of Canada and Israel, and the concluding birkat hamazon; Presbyterian Rev. Hugh MacDonald, who performed the benediction; Rabbi David Monson, formerly of the Beth Sholom Synagogue, who performed the hamotzi and presented a gift to MacDonald; and Alex Grossman, vice-president of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd., who led a toast to the Queen and Israel's president.

Grossman was also presented with an Inuit sculpture for his efforts in organizing the event.

Entertainment was provided by The Saul Helman Band and performers from Solar Stage North Star Theatre. Models also presented fashions by Toronto designer Maggie Reeves.

Noteworthy guests included Canada-Israel Securities officials Julius Briskin, executive vice-president, and Mel Dobrin, president, as well as Ontario Housing Minister Chaviva Hosek, Toronto Alderman Tom Jacobek, Sen. William Kelly; Ontario Industry Minister Monte Kwinter, Ontario Culture Minister Lily Oddie Munro, Willowdale Liberal candidate Jim Peterson, former Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism David Smith, Eglinton-Lawrence Liberal candidate Joseph Volpe, and Ralph Snow, chairman of B'nai B'rith Canada's Institute for International Affairs.

Also present were North York Councillors Milton Berger, Irving Chapley, Frank Di Giorgio, Judy Sgro, Paul Sutherland, and controller Norm Gardner.

Other guests included the Lastmans' close friends Joe Burnett and his wife Ruth, as well as Dale Lastman's dental hygenist wife, Robin, and their 2-year-old daughter, Brie.

Yiddish writer slated for Jewish Book Fair

TORONTO —
Chava Rosenfarb, one of the world's leading Yiddish writers, will appear at the 12th annual Jewish Book Fair on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 1.30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre (4588 Bathurst St.).

Rosenfarb will speak in Yiddish on The Life of Poet J. I. Segal. The late Segal is considered one of the top Yiddish-Canadian poets.

Rosenfarb was born in Lodz, Poland, where she spent her childhood and early youth. After Nazi Germany occupied Poland in 1939, the Lodz Ghetto was established, where Rosenfarb, with her family, spent four years and graduated from the gymnasium.

It was in the ghetto that Rosenfarb began to write poetry, and she was invited to join a secret writers' group.

When the Lodz Ghetto was liquidated in August, 1944, Rosenfarb and her family were sent to Auschwitz, where her father perished and where all her poetic works were confiscated.

From Auschwitz, Rosenfarb was sent to Sasel and to Bergen-Belsen, from where she was liberated in April, 1945.

After the war, she spent five years in Belgium and then immigrated to Canada. Today, she divides her time between Canada and Australia.

Rosenfarb has published four volumes of poetry and five volumes of fiction. She is the author of *The Tree of Life*, an epic, 3-volume novel about the Lodz Ghetto that spans six years.

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David Azrieli (left) congratulates Sydney Cooper, while Morley Blankstein looks on. [David Portigal photo]

Cooper succeeds Azrieli as Technion group head

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

A symposium looking ahead at "Israel in the 1990s" was one of the highlights of the Canadian Technion Society's annual national board meeting and convention held recently at Winnipeg's Sheraton Hotel. Another highlight was the election of a new executive.

Toronto engineer Sydney Cooper succeeded David Azrieli as national president. Winnipeg's Morley Blankstein was elected chairman of the board. Three new senior vice-presidents are Winnipeg's Fran Cohen, Toronto's Sidney Cohen, and Montreal's Irv Wenger. Azrieli presided over the society for the past five years.

The panel was moderated by Sidney Spivak, chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee. Panelists were Shira Herzog Bessin, former CIC executive director, Mannie Shimoni, the Technion's representative in Canada, and Prof. Arye Shmuelevitz of the department of Middle Eastern and African Studies, University of Tel Aviv, and a senior research fellow.

A specialist in the history of the Ottoman Empire, modern Turkey and Persia, Shmuelevitch spoke of the difficulty of making predictions about the Middle East because emotion tends to overrule rational thinking and pragmatism in decision-making in the area. On the other hand, he noted the Egypt-Israel treaty and the recent end of the Iran-Iraq War as examples where pragmatism unexpectedly won out over emotions.

In terms of coming to terms with the Palestinians and Israel's Arab neighbors, he suggested Israel should take the initiative. "The side that takes the initiative often has an advantage," he said. "Despite continuing Arab emnity, Israel is a fact in the Middle East and neither Jews nor Arabs can be forced out of Israel."

He also believes Israel should again attempt to improve relations with Iran, Turkey and Ethiopia.

Shimoni identified three areas of concern in Israel — peace negotiations with the Palestinians, Israel's internal problems and its relationship with the Diaspora.

"It seems the PLO will have some role to play in peace negotiations," he said. "But are they prepared to change their position and talk to us and can they deliver even if they do negotiate with us? A major danger is that the Western World, not understanding the PLO, will force Israel to make concessions not justified by the PLO's stand."

Internally, Shimoni feels Israel must create a technologically advanced society in partnership with Jews in the Diaspora meant to mechanize labor as much as possible to lessen dependence on Arab workers and strengthen the country's economy.

Shira Herzog Bessin pointed out that, by the 1990s, the post-1948 generation will be in power in Israel, in the Western World and in the Arab world, a factor which may lead to new approaches and outlooks.

She also noted that Israel's Arab citizens, now numbering 17% of the population, are maturing politically and will increasingly be demanding their share of the pie.

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Organizations and People

Troper addresses Atlantic Jewish Council

Canadian society "basically healthy and decent"

By
PAUL LUNGEN

MONCTON —

Despite the notoriety of a number of Holocaust deniers and anti-semites, Canadian society is "basically healthy and decent," a recent meeting of the Atlantic Jewish Council was told here recently.

While there may be disagreement among Jews and inside the wider community over the best way to deal with "lunatic fringe" elements, there is no disagreement over the basic decency of the society in which we live, keynote speaker Prof. Harold Troper said.

Troper, history professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, addressed approximately 125 representatives of the Atlantic Jewish community at its biannual meeting here recently.

He told them anti-semitism has changed over the past 40 years. Canada is not Eastern Europe, the 1980s are not the 1930s and Moncton is not Minsk, he said. "We are not talking about the world of our fathers."

The basic decency of Canadians is evident from the three guilty verdicts in trials involving Jim Keegstra and Ernst Zundel. Zundel was twice convicted by juries of his peers for publishing lies denying the Holocaust while Keegstra was found guilty of promoting hatred against Jews while a teacher in the small Alberta town of Eckville. Both cases are now under appeal.

Troper co-authored with Irving Abella the landmark study of restrictive Canadian policy to Jewish immigration in None Is Too Many and recently co-authored with Morton Weinfeld a study of Jewish relations with Ukrainians in Old Wounds: Jews, Ukrainians and the Hunt for Nazi War Criminals in Canada.

Rev. Jim Leland, a United Church minister who has actively opposed anti-semitism in New Brunswick, told the meeting some very positive things have been happening in the province.

He pointed to the "unit on Holocaust studies" that was introduced in the public schools this semester and to resolutions of the United Church and the Canadian Council of Churches, supporting the Jewish community in Canada.

The resolutions were a response to the views expressed by Moncton school teacher Malcolm Ross in several books and published letters in which he alleges a worldwide Jewish conspiracy to undermine Christianity and in which he questions the existence of the Holocaust.

The Council's meeting was cut short by the tragic death of community activist Bernard Vigod, killed in an automobile accident while driving to the conference.

Vigod was Atlantic region chairman of B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights, and was actively involved in other community organizations.

The 3-day meeting was shorthened to two days and enthusiasm for conducting Council business was lost when news of the mishap reached the meeting, outgoing AJC president Lee Cohen told The CJN.

Nevertheless, the Council managed to conduct some business, including the election of Ivan Levine of Fredericton as new president. Cohen becomes immediate past president.

A consensus emerged to keep the 12-year-old Council functioning with its full slate of services, said Cohen. The AJC — which Cohen called the Jewish Congress of the Atlantic region — represents more than 3,000 Atlantic Jews culturally and politically.

It also serves as liaison between the Jews of the Maritimes and the whole host of Jewish organizations, from Jewish Students Network to United Israel Appeal.

In addition to the regular "housecleaning" functions, the Council also heard from the two speakers on the question of anti-semitism in New Brunswick, Cohen said. Vigod was to have participated in a 3-person forum on the issue.

Fredericton's Vigod fought against bigotry

FREDERICTON —

Dr. Bernard Vigod, a prominent member of the New Brunswick Jewish community, was killed recently in an automobile accident while driving to a meeting of the Atlantic Jewish Council in Moncton. He was 42.

Vigod was known as a courageous spokesman on behalf of Fredericton's Jewish community, working for tolerance and against bigotry and prejudice.

He almost single handedly created the Maritimes branch of B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights, becoming the League's Atlantic Region chairman and serving in its national cabinet.

"He was a man with a passion — a passion to help people whoever or wherever they may be," said Dr. Brian Feldman, national president of B'nai B'rith Canada. "He worked tirelessly on behalf of so many causes."

Vigod was born and raised in Winnipeg. He graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Arts degree and later obtained an MA at Carleton University and a PhD from Queen's University.

He came to Fredericton in 1971 to join the history department at the University of New Brunswick. He became a full professor in 1984.

An expert on Quebec in the 20th century, Vigod was author of Quebec Before Duplessis: The Political Career of Louis-Alexandre Taschereau, published in 1986.

As an educator, he worked for the past several months on the special task force created by the province's education department to develop a Holocaust curriculum, now in use in the province's high schools.

Vigod had an interest in human rights and international affairs. Besides his work with B'nai B'rith, he was active in Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, of which he was once local chairman and national vice chairman.

He was also contributing editor of Middle East Focus and served as chairman of the Fredericton branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. A strong supporter of Israel, he participated in a number of tours to that country.

Vigod was killed while driving from his home to attend a meeting of the Atlantic Jewish Council in Moncton on behalf of the League for Human Rights. He was scheduled to discuss anti-semitism in the province.

When news of his death reached the participants, "there was an enormous outpouring of grief," said Prof. Harold Troper, the keynote speaker at the conference.

"A very, very deep sense of loss hit the room...like the loss of a member of your family," Troper said.

Part of the conference was cancelled.

Vigod is survived by his wife Zena and children Simone, 11, and Michelle, 7. He also leaves his parents Samuel and Florence Vigod of Toronto, mother-in-law Rae Simces of Fredericton, brother Raphael of Toronto, sister Judith Lebane of Calgary, brother-in-law Neil Simces of Vancouver and niece and nephew Mara and Ian Lebane of Toronto.

Emunah bazaar set for Nov. 13

TORONTO —

Emunah Women of Toronto will be holding its annual bazaar and boutique sale at the Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. (at Dufferin), on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Highlights of the bazaar include: door prize of $500; new comforters, regular and quallofil at reduced prices; bargains in quality clothing for the whole family; toys, books, jewelry, gift items, and designer dresses.

Tasty home-baked goods and refreshments will be served at the bazaar's ethnic food booth. Admission is $1 per person. Children under 12 years of age are admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult.

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BB-Bonds breakfast honoring Fanny Davine told:

Israeli decision-makers need understanding

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
The best thing for Israel right now would be understanding from the Diaspora "that every member of the Knesset, every member of the cabinet, every minister with or without portfolio, has the very best interest at heart for that country."

There isn't anyone without a family member in uniform and "you're not going to tell me," Jerome Gleekel told an audience of 200 at Adas Israel Synagogue, "that those who make the decisions want to see their children and grandchildren killed."

A noted authority on Israel and the Middle East and a friend of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Gleekel was guest speaker at a recent B'nai B'rith — State of Israel Bonds breakfast to honor Fanny Davine, who retired a year ago as regional executive director of State of Israel Bonds.

U.S.-born and introduced to Zionism by "a ferbrente Zionist uncle," Gleekel went to Palestine 55 years ago at the age of 15 after witnessing vicious anti-semitic attacks in Williamsburg.

Bringing greetings from Shamir, Gleekel said he had recently returned from an "in-depth tour of my country," which included visits to the West Bank, during which he was allowed to see whatever and to speak to whomever he wanted.

He "wanted to deliver the message . . . with integrity and truth" because "frankly," said Gleekel, "I was beginning to have my doubts."

But he was impressed with what he saw and "let me tell you," warned Gleekel, whose son is a tank commander in the IDF, "if Israel is ever stupid enough to give up Judea and Samaria, there will be another Holocaust."

Gleekel spoke of "the chutzpah" of those who do not live in Israel or have children in the armed forces, "to speak or write of their opinions of what Israelis should do."

He also pleaded for Jews to visit Israel. "Come to our country. We need you! Not for your dollars but for your moral support!"

Davine was lauded for her dedication, contribution to Jewish and Israeli causes, "dynamism and leadership example" and "her drive and stamina matched by her warmth." She responded to the numerous tributes by recalling highlights of her career and some of the achievements of the two organizations with which she was associated, B'nai B'rith and State of Israel Bonds.

Davine expressed gratitude to her husband, Ben, and assistants Barbara Belonjan, now the Bonds office manager, and Adeline Cohen. She also thanked Bonds chairman Dr. Matt Schmerling, who served as breakfast chairman, and current Bonds campaign chairman John Ross — both former B'nai B'rith presidents — for helping to put B'nai B'rith on the map for Bonds.

On behalf of the Bonds organization, executive vice-president Julius Briskin, presented Davine with Israel's 40th Anniversary Award as well as a VCR; while Dr. Brian Feldman, national president of B'nai B'rith, made a presentation on behalf of the board of governors of B'nai B'rith.

Other tributes were made by Sharron Tenhouse, past national president, B'nai B'rith Women; Hamilton Mayor Bob Morrow and John Ross.

Others taking part in the program and head table guests included Rabbi Zalman Itkin; David Wright, associate Bonds campaign chairman; Phil Leon, president, Hamilton Jewish Federation; Marvin Rosenshein, vice-president, Ontario Region United Synagogue of America; Larry Waller, director, Ontario Region, State of Israel Bonds; Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom, and Pearl Gladman, who represented B'nai B'rith executive vice-president Frank Dimant.

Out of town guests included Rose Fox, past chairman, Bonds women's division, and Men's Division chairman Sol Biren, from London, Ont., and Dr. Michael Pascoe, Bonds chairman from Kitchener-Waterloo.

This year's breakfast, Belonjan later confirmed, was one of the most successful ever held here.

Kollel Esh Dat dinner to honor two men

TORONTO —
Mendel (Max) Rubenstein and Hy Orfus will be tendered an evening of tribute at the annual dinner here for Kollel Esh Dat of Tel Aviv, Monday evening Nov. 14.

Rabbi Herbert Bomzer, Professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University, will be the guest speaker.

The Kollel was founded by Rabbi Tanchum Becker to perpetuate and spread the teachings of his revered grandfather, Rabbi Moshe Yechiel Halevy Epstein, author of Esh Dat and Be'er Moshe, and Rebbe of Ozerov. This year a new edition of the first volume Be'er Moshe on Deuteronomy has just been published in Israel.

The dinner will be held at Congregation Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz, 147 Overbrook Pl., Downsview. Cocktails at 6.30 p.m. Dinner at 7. Rabbi Moses Burak will serve as chairman.

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Organizations and People

Mirvish gives boost to Baycrest fur sale

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Just in time for the long cold winter, the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care's annual fur sale, which raises money for Alzheimer's research and programming, got off to a great start as the man whose name has become synonymous with bargains, lent his support at the kickoff.

Ed Mirvish, of Honest Ed's fame, took time out to model a full-length coyote coat at his Royal Alexandra Theatre, standing in front of a sculpture of former Ontario Lieutenant-Governor J. Keiller Mackay done by Ed's wife Anne Mirvish.

The sale, which has a large selection of new and gently used quality fur coats that are offered from $100 to $2,000, also features brand-name new cloth coats, explains Gerry Gangbar, a co-chairman of the committee organizing the sale for the Women's Auxiliary.

To add to the excitement of the day, door crashers — used fur coats — are being offered at the incredible price of $25 for the early birds.

"Along with research and programming for the Alzheimer's projects," says Pauline Wintraub, who is heading the committee with Gangbar, "this fund raising supports the Behavioral Neurology Assessment Unit in Baycrest Hospital which provides a multidisciplinary approach to assessing the mentally impaired.

"The proceeds also support the Samuel Lunenfeld Special Day Care Centre for people suffering from moderate to severe cognitive impairment," she adds.

Wintraub says the fur sale is "fun" but a lot of hard work. "People have been very generous in the past — last year the sale raised $47,000. Each year we are able to expand our services to those with Alzheimer's and provide respite for families currently caring for elderly relatives."

The committee will be very happy to pick up coats, says Gangbar. She notes that all donors of fur coats receive a tax deductible receipt for the amount of the sale.

The coat sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13, in the Abe Posluns Auditorium of Barcrest's Jewish Home for the Aged at 3560 Bathurst St.

For a fur pickup or for more information about the coat sale, call the Women's Auxiliary at 789-7071, extension 2009.

Jerry Gangbar (left) is seen with with Ed Mirvish (in coyote coat) and Pauline Wintraub.

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Bearded baal teshuva mixes paint—and music

—By PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

In real life, Gedalia Zweig mixes Benjamin Moore semi gloss at his father's paint store in Kensington Market.

But when not thus occupied, the bearded Toronto native "kashers" 60s hit singles like La Bamba and Good Lovin' into La La Latke and Good Shabbos.

Gedalia Zweig

And rightly so, since Zweig not only plays guitar (he's been at it for 10 years) but keeps kosher as well. In fact, the 33-year-old Bathurst Heights baal teshuva davens, studies and, as an ordained rabbi, also occasionally leads services.

But it's as a musician that he's now trying to make his mark. So much so that he formed a group, The Kiddush Club, a year ago to record Jewish music — or, more specifically, to make Jewish music more appealing.

So far, the "club" — in reality, Zweig; pianist Ron Wiseman, percussionist and cover artist Hersh Gutwillik and sound man Ricky Magder — has cut one cassette of which close to 200 copies have already been sold. Another 1,000, says Zweig, should be ready soon for the New York market.

Although five of the songs are parodies, two — Israel, by Zweig himself and Chaverim Kol Yisrael, by Wiseman — are originals.

The club's name is also, unique even if the way it was chosen is not. As Zweig tells it, he, his fellow Torontonian, Ben Meckler and the distributor of the group's tapes, David Cohen, were sitting around one afternoon after Shabbat discussing possible names and the Kiddush Club, in Zweig's words, "just popped up."

The same can't be said about Zweig. Indeed, it couldn't, given his 6 ft. two inch frame. Besides, he hasn't exactly kept aloof from the Jewish community. A familiar face at Aish HaTorah and Ohr Somayach, he's led services at both the Toronto Zionist Centre and the Anshei Minsk shul in Kensington Market.

From 1983 to 1985, he served as rabbi (albeit once a month) at B'nai Israel Congregation in Timmins, Ont. And, in the summer of '79, he filled in for Rabbi Meir Uri Gottesman at Oshawa's Congregation Beth Zion.

Zweig credits Gottesman with being a major influence in his life. Indeed, it was Gottesman who urged him to get his smicha which he did in 1982 at Aish HaTorah, Jerusalem.

Aish, fittingly enough, was where Zweig's journey as a baal teshuva began. He was 19, fresh from Bathurst Heights Secondary and had gone to Israel to visit classmate Stephen Schwartz, now director of Aish HaTorah, Toronto.

Zweig had planned to stay only a few weeks but, like many, extended his stay — in this case, to four years — after meeting Rabbi Noah Weinberg, Aish's charismatic founder—and leader.

Zweig still remembers their encounter.

"He asked me what I thought of Israel and I said, 'it's not as religious as I thought it would be.'

'Do you see what these chalutzim are doing to our country?' Weinberg responded, stroking his long, white beard. 'They're not afraid of terrorists but they are of religious people like me'."

At Aish, Zweig, who had attended shul in Toronto only on the Yom Tovim, studied Mishna, Gemara and Rambam. In 1979, he spent a year studying advanced Gemara at Yeshivat Itri in the Tal Piot area of Jerusalem.

It was there that he seriously began to think about becoming a rabbi — largely, he says, because he thought the vocation spiritually fulfilling. Besides, he had had a taste of rabbinics in the summer of 77 when he "tapped" young Jews for Aish HaTorah at the Kotel.

"It made me feel excited," he says of the experience.

Almost as exciting, perhaps, as finding out that the man who wrote Let's Twist Again was Kalman Cohen, a traditional Jew. In fact, when Zweig called Cohen to ask permission to use Chubby Checker's hit single, Cohen, who lives near Philadelphia, gave him a mazel tov.

Although the song hasn't yet been "kashered," there's a good chance it will be since the club hopes to cut another cassette. Until then, devotees can buy the first tape at Negev Books on Bathurst St., Records on Wheels on Bloor or even hire the Kiddush Club for parties and Bar Mitzvahs. Just call (416) 886-6305. But for Benjamin Moore semi gloss, you'll have to go to Reingewirtz Paints.

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

THURSDAY DEADLINES

A reminder that due to the increasing pressure on both the editorial and production staff, the deadline for the What's New and About People columns has been moved back to Thursdays, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. deadline for Nov. 24 issue is Thursday, Nov. 10; deadline for Dec. 1 issue is Thursday, Nov. 17; deadline for Dec. 8 issue is Nov. 24).

Please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. If your material does not reach me on time it will sit on my desk until I come in the following Thursday. So, I suggest that mailed items should reach me at least three weeks prior to the date of the event.

Thursday, Nov. 10

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JCC SINGERS

The JCC Singers will officially welcome new voices on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 9.30-11 a.m. in Room 221 of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St.

If you are 55 — or better — you may come and join this volatile group. To read music is not a prerequisite.

The JCC Singers, under the direction of **Esther Ghan-Firestone** with **Sara Barkin-Sandler** at the piano, entertains in concerts at seniors homes, hospitals and community functions. For information, call the president, **Dolly Brown** at 636-9468.

Friday, Nov. 11

NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

A national Remembrance Service is conducted in Ottawa on Nov. 11 by The Royal Canadian Legion with the help of federal and municipal governments, many organizations and a host of volunteers. It is nationally televised by the CBC, which also produces a national radio broadcast.

All proceeds of the Legion's annual poppy campaign are placed in trust accounts and after expenses are paid, the funds are used to assist needy Canadian ex-servicemen and their dependents as well as community projects and services.

YORK REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

The City of York will be hosting a Remembrance Day Service in cooperation with its local veterans organizations on Friday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 2700 Eglinton Ave. W. All York residents and businesses are invited to participate.

The municipal offices and all municipal services will be operating on Nov. 11.

Saturday, Nov. 12

FORMER ADOPTED REFUSENIK

Beth Tikvah Synagogue welcomes its former adopted Refusenik **Natasha Khassin**, who was deeply involved in the struggle to free Soviet Jews, on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 9 a.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

For further information, call the synagogue office at 221-3443.

GESHER FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

On Saturday, Nov. 12, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue adult education committee is presenting **Daniel Tropper**, founder and director of the Gesher Foundation in Jerusalem, which works to bridge the gap between religious and secular communities in Israel. His topic will be From Memory to Vision.

This lecture, offered in conjunction with Holocaust Education Week, takes place at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Everyone is welcome and there is no admission charge.

BBW FUN AUCTION

Queen City Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women of Canada, is holding its annual fun auction on Saturday, Nov. 12, beginning at at 7.30 p.m. at Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

Sunday, Nov. 13

JEWISH BOOK FAIR

A reminder that the 12th annual Jewish Book Fair opens Sunday, Nov. 13, and continues through to Sunday, Nov. 20, featuring lectures by a host of outstanding authors plus 12,000 books of Jewish interest for adults and children of all ages.

The fair takes place at the Leah Posluns Theatre, Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. To order tickets, call the box office at 636-1880, ext. 273.

RAISING CHILDREN

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto is offering a 3-part education lecture series on Raising Children.

The first session on Self-Esteem in Children with **Rochelle Diamond** and **Lori Ulmer** takes place Sunday, Nov. 13, at 8.15 p.m. at the synagogue in the Youth Minyan Room, 613 Clarke Ave. W., Thornhill.

There is an admission charge of $2 and the lecture is open to men and women.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, **Rabbi Baruch Taub** will speak on Halachic Perspective of Raising Children and on Nov. 27, **Elaine Rubinoff**, principal of She'Arim School, will discuss Making Your Child a Thinking Person.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club's meeting on Sunday, Nov. 13, features lecturer and author **Amnon Ajzenstadt**, whose topic will be Jewish Resistance Under Nazi Occupation.

Services are at 9.30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 10 and the speaker at 10.30.

A HISTORIAN'S TESTIMONY

In commemoration of the 5th yahrzeit of **Rabbi Albert Pappenheim** and the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am is presenting a series on The Holocaust: Four Testimonies.

The second of the series takes place Sunday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. with **Prof. Irving Abella** presenting A Historian's Testimony: There Were No Innocent Bystanders.

The synagogue is located at 55 Yeomans Rd.

IMAGES OF POLAND

On Sunday, Nov. 13, **Prof. Jack Siegel** and his wife **Dr. Fern Waterman** will speak on Images of Poland at the breakfast club meeting of Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood.

The time is 9.30 a.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. The public is invited and there is no charge for admission.

PNAI MEETING

At the PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) meeting on Sunday, Nov. 13, **Prof. David Goldberg,** national director of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, will speak on The Meaning of the Results of the Israeli Elections.

The meeting is called for 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue's new social hall, 470 Glencairn Ave. Everyone is welcome.

ULTRA-ORTHODOXY AND FEMINISM

Ultra-Orthodoxy and Feminism is the topic of the talk **Prof. Sally Zerker** of York University will be giving at the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 9.30 a.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

GROWING UP WITH LASERS

Interested in lasers? The Royal Canadian Institute free Sunday lecture series is dealing with the subject on Sunday, Nov. 13, with an illustrated lecture entitled Light or Enlightenment? Growing Up With Lasers by **Stephen Wallace**, professor of chemistry, University of Toronto, and associate director, Ontario Laser and Lightwave Research Centre, Toronto.

The time is 3 p.m. at the Medical Sciences Auditorium, King's College Circle, University of Toronto.

Monday, Nov. 14

KEEPING JEWISH TRADITION

Shaar Shalom Synagogue's series on Keeping Jewish Tradition in a Changing World — Is It Possible? Is It Necessary? with **Rabbi Howard Markose**, continues on Monday, Nov. 14, with Conservative Judaism in 1988/5749: Is It More Like Orthodoxy or Reform?

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill (north of Steeles on Don Mills Rd.).

PRE-HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP SALE

Baycrest Centre, 3560 Bathurst St., is holding a pre-holiday gift shop sale on Monday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is an opportunity to pick up some super gift items such as china, crystal, dusters, men's clothes, baby gifts and more, all at super prices.

THE HOLOCAUST IN PERSPECTIVE

The Holocaust: A Historic Perspective with **Prof. Michael Marrus** of the University of Toronto is the focus of the Monday, Nov. 14, lecture in The Holocaust in Perspective 50 Years After Crystal Night series presented by Holy Blossom Temple.

The lecture is at 8 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

CANCER AND THE EMOTIONS

Dr. Edward Taub of Laguna Beach, Calif., will be discussing Cancer and its Relation to the Emotions on Monday, Nov. 14, at 8 p.m. at 155 College St., 6th floor. Dr. Taub is the author of Voyage to Wellness.

For more information, call the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society at 781-0359

Tuesday, Nov. 15

SHE'ARIM ART AUCTION

Tuesday, Nov. 15, is the date of the She'Arim Hebrew Day School benefit art auction featuring works of renowned artists such as Agam, Altman, Chagall, Goya and others.

It all takes place at St. Lawrence Hall, 157 King St. E. The preview is at 6 p.m. and the auction begins at 8 sharp! Couvert is $18 per person.

For more information, call She'Arim at 633-8247.

BE HAPPY

Temple Har Zion Sisterhood is presenting a program entitled Be Happy with guest speaker **Dr. Phela Goodstein**, humorologist, on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m.

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ICRF MEETING

At a recent meeting to reactivate the Young Associates of Israel Cancer Research Fund are (from left): Howard Jacobs and Debbie Jacobs, vice-co-chairmen; Susan Davidson, at whose home the meeting was held, and Pam Albert, co-chairman.

BAYCREST GETS BUS

As she disembarks at Baycrest Day Care Service for Seniors, member Mila Letichevsky is greeted by Eric and Estelle Vilensky, whose donation to Baycrest Centre made it possible to purchase a bus to transport Day Care members from their homes to the centre. Approximately 165 Day Care members, aged 65 to 93 years, make the round trip to the centre each week where they participate in a variety of social, cultural and recreational activities in a supportive environment.

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Admission is $3 sisterhood members, $5 non-members. RSVP by calling the temple office at 889-2252.

DRUSE MEMBER OF HISTADRUT

Yusef Kara, director of the Arab and Druse Department, Trade Union Division of Histadrut, will be in Toronto on Tuesday, Nov. 15. He will address a luncheon meeting of the Toronto Histadrut executive at noon at the Borochov Centre and following that will meet a group of labor leaders and lawyers at a special reception at the Sheraton Centre. He will culminate his day with an address to the newly formed young leader cultural group called The Zionist Spark at 8 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Yusef Kara

Kara, who is presently secretary of the Druse Academicians Organization, is a graduate of Haifa University with a degree in political science and Middle East history.

The executive of The Zionist Spark extends an invitation to all interested parties. For further details, call 630-9444.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF MARKHAM

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham is offering a series of discussion groups with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** every other Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill.

The next session on Nov. 16 will focus on Death and Mourning in the Jewish Community.

For information, call 886-0420 between 9 a.m. and noon or 881-2012 after that.

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am is presenting an Introduction to Jewish Practice with lectures on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. conducted by **Rabbi Philip Scheim**. The Nov. 16 lecture will deal with Childhood Education: Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

The synagogue is located at 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE SERIES

The Workmen's Circle lecture series with **Emanuel Goldberg** continues on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. The topic to be discussed is Essential Problems of Our Age. Discussions are in Yiddish and English.

This series is held in conjunction with the North York Board of Education. For information, 787-2081.

INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's Institute of Jewish Studies conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern** will focus on The Fifth Commandment — Honoring Parents — Is There a Limit?

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. The lecture is open to the community and there is no charge.

JEWISH FAMILY HISTORY

In his talk, Genealogy: Sources for Jewish Family History, being given at Bathurst Heights Regional Library on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 7-9 p.m., **Stephen Speisman** will indicate sources available to you for tracing Jewish genealogy.

The library is at 3170 Bathurst St. (just north of Lawrence).

ANOREXIA BULIMIA GROUP

The Anorexia Nervosa Bulimia Family Support Group will be meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 7.30 p.m. at Toronto City Hall, Committee Room 6.

DISTINCT SOCIETY

The University of Toronto is presenting a free public lecture on Distinct Society or Distinctive Societies: The Levesque-Trudeau Debate with **Prof. Ramsay Cook**, department of history, York University, on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. at Seeley Hall, Trinity College, 6 Hoskin Ave.

For information, call 978-3918.

Thursday, Nov. 17

CAMP KATONIM

Camp Katonim, a children's summer day camp situated on Lake Simcoe, is now offering door-to-door bus service from the Thornhill-Richmond Hill area.

Interested persons living in that area are invited to meet the director, **Bryan Levy-Young** and view a slide presentation of the camp on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. at Garnet Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave., Thornhill.

For information, call **Marie Mandel** at 783-5863.

And What Else Is New...

HOOKED ON ART SALE

The Koffler Gallery's Hooked on Art sale of paintings, sculptures and drawings opens Sunday, Nov. 13, from 1-8 p.m., and continues until Nov. 23.

Admission is $2, kids and cars free.

The gallery is a branch of the Jewish Community Centre and is located at 4588 Bathurst St. Gallery hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon; Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ORT RETURNS TO EASTERN EUROPE

ORT, the Organization for Educational Research and Technological Training, is returning to Eastern Europe after 40 years, installing laboratories of science and technology in Budapest's Anne Frank School.

In addition, pedagogical guidance and assistance is being offered through ORT's pedagogical centre in London, Eng. This follows an exchange of visits between educational experts from Hungary and World ORT Union's hi-tech resource centre in London.

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Highlights of events at Shalom Village Retirement Home for the remainder of November include —

Sunday, Nov. 20 — Simcha Sunday celebrating the birthday of **Helen Vine**. Entertainment will be provided by **Naomi Bell** in a program of Yiddish songs about love and courtship. The time is 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 27 — Monthly potluck supper at 5 p.m. The charge is $3 residents, $5 non-residents.

Wednesday, Nov. 30 — A dance with the band The Golden Horseshoes at 7.30 p.m. There is no charge.

Shalom Village is located at 70 Macklin St. N. in Hamilton. The phone number is 528-5377.

YIDDISH CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

There are still a few places available in both the beginners and advanced Yiddish classes for children. These classes are held at Associated Hebrew Schools Finch campus.

For information, call **Irving Eisner** at 789-3696 or 886-3140.

THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE

The nursery schools of Temple Sinai and Temple Har Zion are presenting the Ontario Ballet Theatre's production of The Sorcerer's Apprentice on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at 210 Wilson Ave.

Tickets are $5 and are available at either school office or at the door. Call **Nadine** or **Judy** at 487-3281.

CZF EVENTS

This week's programs sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation at the CZF centre, 3910 Bathurst St., Suite 203, include —

Let's Talk Israel weekly discussion group will be focusing on After the Israel Elections — What Now? on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m.

Facts About Israel lecture on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. will feature **Anmon Hever**. This lecture is sponsored in association with the Education and Torah Department of the World Zionist Organization.

There is no charge for either program and refreshments will be served. For further information, call 633-3988.

GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE

Don't miss the bargains at the gigantic garage sale of new and used items plus a bake sale taking place at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., on Sunday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the National Council of Jewish Women.

CHAI FOLK ENSEMBLE REUNION

A reunion of all former members of the Sara Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble of Winnipeg celebrating the group's 25th anniversary is set for Jan. 24. All performers and non-performers are invited and encouraged to attend.

Contact the Chai office by mail at 25-370 Hargrove St., Winnipeg, Man., R3B 2K1.

OUR MUSICAL LEGACY

Temple Sinai's Musical Legacy program series presents its 19th year with another outstanding list of events. The diversity of Jewish music is examined in forms old and modern, light and serious, instrumentally and chorally, from near and far. The Temple Sinai Choir, in addition to being featured in several programs, will sing at all services on the dates listed.

The series gets off to a start on Friday, Nov. 18, with The Jerusalem Zimriah, an Oneg Shabbat presentation by the choir of new Israeli music from the August 1988 International Choral Festival in Jerusalem. Taped excerpts of the event will be heard, including Jewish choirs from France, Hungary, Israel, the U.S., Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

Services begin at 8.15 p.m.

GOLDEN CIRCLE LUNCHEON

Gathered recently for the ORT Hamilton Golden Circle fund raising luncheon are (from left): Ruth Kaminer, president, Hamilton Region; Bertha Dermer, national Golden Circle chairman; Sasha Weisz, hostess; Sheila Copps, Hamilton MP, and Harriet Morton, national president.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Baycrest Centre needs volunteers to assist in the arts and crafts department. Special skills required include tapestry weaving, embroidery and carpentry. If you are interested, contact Baycrest volunteer services at 789-5131, ext. 2572.

JUDAICA SHOP CHANUKAH SALE

Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood's Judaica shop is holding a Chanukah sale with 10% off everything including Chanukah items. A pre-sale is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 15, and the regular sale on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The temple is located at 1950 Bathurst St.

JSU/HILLEL U OF T

Here's a list of Events arranged for this week by Jewish Students' Union/Hillel of the University of Toronto —

Thursday, Nov. 10 — Free classes held every Thursday at JSU/Hillel House, 604 Spadina Ave., include Jewish Mysticism and Chassidism at 3.10 p.m., and weekly Torah portion at 4.10 p.m...Tehila Choir continues every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave...As part of Holocaust Education Week, JSU/Hillel education committee presents **Sol Littman** from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, who will speak on The Hunt for Nazi War Criminals in Canada at 3 p.m. at New College, Room 1017, 40 Willcocks St. This is free and open to the public.

Friday, Nov. 11 — All students are invited to a Shabbat dinner beginning at 6 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House. Cost is $6 with JSU card, $7 without card and free for residence students with card. Reserve by calling 923-9861.

Sunday, Nov. 13 — Watch **Herman Wouk's** War and Remembrance at 8 p.m. on the JSU big screen television.

Monday, Nov. 14 — Intermediate Hebrew is held every Monday at 12.10 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House. Instruction is free.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 — Talmud classes continue every Tuesday at 3.10 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House. New students are welcome...Floor hockey continues every Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. Meet at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y gym, 750 Spadina Ave. Fee is $2 per week without card, $1 with card. For more information, call 923-9861...War and Remembrance continues at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 16 — Every Wednesday at 12.10 p.m. there is beginners and conversational Hebrew at JSU/Hillel House. The instruction is free.

Thursday, Nov. 17 — In addition to regular programs, beat the bland and meet the crew upstairs at Rower's Pub at 8 p.m. Admission is free, just pay for your own tab.

SHIELDING THE FLAME

Hanna Krall's new book, Shielding the Flame (Henry Holt, NY, $15 U.S.) will be available for purchase at the Jewish Book Fair which is being held at the Jewish Community Centre.

Shielding the Flame, which has been translated from Polish, is about **Marek Edelman**, the deputy commander of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in 1943.

Edelman, a cardiologist, lives in Poland. Krall is a noted Polish-Jewish writer.

YOUR SAFETY PARTNER

The Toronto Transit Commission's (TTC) new Your Safety Partner program has been introduced to make riders more aware of the system's built-in safety features and to encourage them to use the measures when necessary.

A key feature is the "helping hand" logo with the words Your Safety Partner placed at strategic points throughout the transit system to indi-

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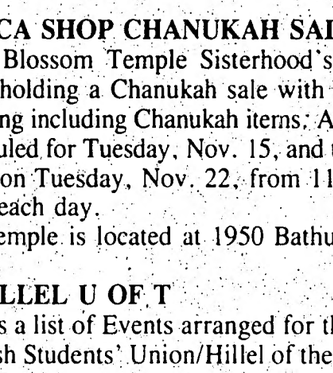

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cate what facilities are available for passengers assistance.

The first stations to display the distinctive green and white decal are King and Davisville on the Yonge line. Completion of all stations in the system will take place over the next three months.

HELPING THE SICK KIDS

Inside Out, a car cleaning and detailing company, wants to keep Toronto automobiles slush, dirt and salt free and give to The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation.

During the months of November and December, Inside Out will allocate 10% of all sales to the foundation. The address is 578 Front St. W. (near Bathurst). Call 362-0777 for details.

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

The Speech and Stroke Centre-North York's craft and bake sale on Nov. 12, features gift items, home baking, crafts and a white elephant table. It runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the centre, 7 Edithvale Dr. (west of Yonge).

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

The Speakers' Bureau is a free community service of the North York Board of Education. Senior adminstrators of the board are available and prepared to speak to groups, clubs and organizations looking for qualified speakers to appear on their programs.

For a brochure listing topics and further information, call 225-4661, ext. 429.

CALI UNDERTAKINGS

The Canadian Association for Labor Israel (CALI), one of the oldest Israeli-based organization in Canada, supports the establishment of numerous projects in Israel. These are mainly Kupat Holim clinics and medical centres, homes for the elderly and various other important undertakings. Recently fund raising efforts have also been directed towards the constantly expanding Amal Vocational Schools (there are now over 120 schools).

Harry Bloomfield

In addition to the Amal Schools, main new ongoing projects include the Benjamin and Edith Himel Medical Centre in Yavne; the Steve and Sally Stavro Pediatric Out Patients Clinic at Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba; the Harold and Lynda Livergant Neo Natal Wing at the Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, and additional rooms at Beit Rivka (home for the elderly) in Petah Tikva.

Harry Bloomfield is national CALI president and **Col. (Res.) Yaacov Erez** is the recently appointed national executive director.

WAR AMPS NEW MESSAGE

This fall, The War Amps is sending along a new message with its return address labels. The message "Take a Look at Us!" urges Canadians to take a second look at the 68-year-old charity to see how it has grown to meet new challenges and the ever-increasing needs of Canadian amputees.

The association has initiated more than a dozen new programs over the last 10 years, such as Playsafe which offers accident prevention films and literature, and Matching Mothers which is dedicated to bringing families together with amputee children for support and encouragement.

Anyone wanting additional information about various programs, can write The War Amputations of Canada, 140 Merton St., Toronto, M4S 1A5, or phone (416) 488-0600.

for seniors

The LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, chess and discussion...Under the chairmanship of **Mr. and Mrs. Hershberg** shuffleboard teams meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8 with refreshments served...The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. On Nov. 15 **Sam Kemper** will speak on three Jewish artists — **Marc Chagal, Jan Peerce** and **Artur Rubinstein**...Bingo is held every other Wednesday at 2 p.m. under the chairmanship of **Morris Goren**...The next luncheon meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 11.30 a.m. at the Borochov Centre at which time the balance payment for the Miami trip must be made. After lunch a bingo game with prizes will be held without charge.

Beth Sholom Seniors meets on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., for refreshments and entertainment with singer **Eva Fishman**, violinist **Morris Turk** and their accompanist **Faigle** at the piano. For information, call **Eve Donsky**, vice-president and publicity chairman, at 782-1068.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, the Learning Experience Program at the Jewish Community Centre north branch, 4588 Bathurst St. is presenting **Dr. Ruth Sky**, a family physician who will speak on Healthy Aging. A question and answer period will follow. The time is 1 p.m. in Room 203-204. For further information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is holding a general and election meeting on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. The fee is $1 members, $2 non-members. For information, call **Carl Pasternak** at 633-2997 or **Bess** at 783-3206.

Workmen's Circle Social Club is meeting for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 11.30 a.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Everyone is welcome. Please note that the Miami trip is filled. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Bloor Y Seniors activities this week include — Thursday, Nov. 10, 12.30-1.30 p.m., fitness for fun, a seniors movement class, and from 2-4 p.m., **Bob Pritchard** of Shoppers Drug Mart will show a film followed by discussion; Monday, Nov. 14, 1-3 p.m., bridge for beginners and intermediates; Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2-4 p.m., current events with **Sylvia**; Wednesday, 1.30-3 p.m., music and sing-a-long with **Bluma**. The Bloor Y is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor).

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The Nov. 16 meeting offers the Israeli movie (English subtitles), The Golden Hand, with **Abba Eban** plus Bolero (of Ravel) with the Israeli Philharmonic conducted by **Zubin Mehta**. For membership, contact **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The residents Short Story Reading Group will be getting together on Thursday, Nov. 10, to discuss A Worn Path by **Eugene Welty**. The time is 10.30-11.45 a.m. in Room A and B...Take a morning break on Thursday, Nov. 17, and Meet the Author **Rabbi Gunther Plaut**, author of The Letter. Coffee and muffins are served at 10 a.m. and the presentation is at 10.30 in the Fireside Lounge. Admission is $1. Please register at the Wagman Centre office no later than Monday, Nov. 14...The movie, Singing in the Rain, Part I, will be shown on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 2-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room...Singer and musician **Cantor Albert Feldman** will be performing on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 7.30-8.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room...The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma invites you to join the new Wednesday afternoon program for Israelis 55 and over who enjoy socializing and good Hebrew conversation. The group meets from 2-3.30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. For further information, contact **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131 days or **Ephraim Dloomy** at 631-7546 evenings...The Joy of Theatre group will be seeing Second City Contemporary Comedy on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Firehall, 110 Lombard St. The cost is $10.

Club Chaverim of the Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley branch meets on Mondays at 1 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. For informtion, call 889-0813.

The Diamond Jubilee Club, 968 Eglinton Ave. W., upstairs, is open on Sunday afternoons at 2 for your entertainment such as dancing and dancersise with **Ada Goldblatt**, crafts, cards, movies, travel and refreshments. For information, call 782-5024...The club has appointed artist **Tutzi Seguin** to teach arts and crafts in her studio. There is no fee for seniors, just a charge for materials. For information, contact her at 783-0781.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

As part of Holocaust Education Week, the Lifelong Learning Institute is featuring a program entitled The Righteous Gentile — What One Man Can Do with **MP John Oostrom** and **Michael Mason**, national chairman, Raoul Wallenberg Remembrance Committee. The program takes place Thursday, Nov. 10, at 1.30 p.m. in the synagogue. There is no charge. For information, contact **Bookie Kwart** at 225-2112.

Any information about special events, day trips and long tours can be obtained by calling **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Nov. 16 features **Paul Mathews** and **Leon Zelecki**. Refreshments will be served after the entertainment. The time is 1.30 p.m. and the charge is $1.25 members, $1.75 non-members.

The movie on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 2.30 p.m. is All of Me. There is no charge for members. Non-members are charged $1.

The Literary Luncheon on Monday, Nov. 14, at 11.30 a.m. features author and lecturer **Donia Clenman**.

The second session of Spinach, the game that helps players learn what to expect as they grow older, is set for Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 10-11 a.m.

NEW AMAL SCHOOL PLANNED

At a recent reception at the home of Adam and Bella Altenberg (centre), a check was presented to Uri Agami (right), chairman of Amal Schools in Israel, marking the opening deposit for a school being built in honor of Altenberg's 80th birthday. With them is Ben Himel, national vice-president of the Canadian Association for Labor Israel (CALI), acting on behalf of Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Friends of Amal. Plans are new being completed in Israel to build the Adam Altenberg Engineering School as another link in the long chain of 125 Amal Schools.

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Singer **Charlotte Diamond** will be appearing at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., in the first of the Bloor Y Concert for Kids series on Sundays, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. These concerts are geared for ages 3-93. For information, contact **Florence Marantz** at 924-6211.

Also at the Bloor Y, a singles Tacky Tourist party is set for Sunday, Nov. 20, from 8 p.m. to midnight, complete with music, buffet and cash bar. For more information, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

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BNEI AKIVA APPOINTMENT

Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim Schools has announced the appointment of **Rabbi Yakov Nativ** as menahel (Jewish studies teacher) of the Ulpanat Orot Girls' School. As menahel he is responsible for the overall academic administration of the Ulpana and teaches at both the Ulpana and Or Chaim.

Rabbi Yakov Nativ

Well known in the community as rav (Talmud teacher) at Yeshivat Or Chaim from 1980-83, Rabbi Nativ has also served as menahel of Yeshivat Or Etzion located in Merkaz Shapira, Israel. In addition he has served as an educational consultant in Israel and has conducted teacher training seminars.

Rabbi Nativ will be honored at the school's annual dinner on Saturday evening, Nov. 19, at which time **Rabbi Chaim Druckman,** MK, rosh yeshiva, Yeshivat Or-Etzion, will be the guest speaker.

For further information, call 630-6772.

LIVER FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

Chartered accountant **Melvin Zwaig** has been named chairman of the Canadian Liver Foundation.

Former treasurer of the foundation, he has served on the boards of a number of charitable organizations in Montreal, Calgary and Toronto. Professionally he is president of Arthur Anderson Inc. and a partner of Arthur Anderson & Co. in Toronto.

HEADS WINDSOR JNF

Wiliam Tepperman has been elected president of the Jewish National Fund Windsor board of directors, succeeding **Jack Stein**, who now becomes chairman of the board.

William Tepperman

A founding member of the New Democratic Party and the first federal candidate nominated in the Windsor area, Tepperman is the president of N. Tepperman Ltd., a retail furniture, appliance and carpeting store with locations in Windsor and Chatham.

He is a member of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Amnesty International, Council of Canadians, and a member of the advisory board of the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation.

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City announces recycling program

TORONTO —

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For more information, Toronto residents should call the Recycling Hotline at 392-7742.

Bonds builders trip spurs investments

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

A recent 8-day mission to Israel has inspired a group of prominent young builders and developers to invest in the Jewish state, says a group leader.

"We saw some very interesting contruction investments that many of us are going to follow up on," said Fred Guth, Toronto chairman of the Construction Division of Israel Bonds, which helped organize the trip.

The 35-member task force from Toronto and Montreal visited Israel to promote business ties between Canada and the Jewish state in the construction and development industries.

The mission — also held to raise awareness of the type of projects financed with Israel Bonds' funds — was prompted by Operation Independence, a North American organization which is headed in Canada by Montreal businessman Charles Bronfman.

During the trip, the group met with high-ranking Israeli import and export officials, contractors, accountants and other investment authorities.

Members also toured construction and development sites, and army bases in addition to visiting tourist spots in Jerusalem, Haifa, Masada, the Dead Sea and the Negev.

"I think the most interesting part was to see how the Negev is flourishing, with no shortage of water whatsoever and to see the tremendous economic base Israel has developed out of the Negev," said Guth, a 34-year-old Toronto builder.

Myer Samuels, who led the Montreal group, said the delegation made "very good contacts" and will likely follow up with an exhibit of Israeli building materials to be organized in Montreal and Toronto next spring by the Israel Export Institute, of Tel Aviv.

"It was a fantastic trip," said Samuels, who has been chairman of Bonds' Builders Division in Montreal for the past 15 years, and who is also Bonds' national secretary in Canada.

"We suggest every Jew that is able to go should go. We didn't feel any intifada — any uprising. We didn't see any trouble.

"We just had a good time and we're looking forward to holding a second mission next year," said Samuels, a Montreal architect, whose firm manufactures flourescent lighting fixtures.

One of the trip's highlights was a visit to Ben-Gurion University's Bokyo Institute, where delegates were shown new areas of agricultural research, said a Bonds news release.

Simchat Torah was spent at an army base near Jerusalem where the group participated in celebrations and worship.

"The trip was unique in that it enabled the developers to further the growth of Israel, and at the same time enrich their own business interests," the news release said.

The Toronto group included Guth's wife, Audrey; Bob Daniels; Eli Shvili; Conrad Ogniewicz and his wife, Elaine; Ted Winik and his wife, Heidi; Miguel Singer and his wife, Beth; Sid Jelenik and his wife, Ellen; Barry Zagdanski, and his wife, Nellie; and Jeffery Kerbel and his wife, Diane.

The Montreal group included Samuels' wife, Shoshana; Sam Aberman, and his wife, Lillian; Jacob Attias, and his wife, Therese; Bernie Backman; and his wife, Ricky; Rick Dubrovsky, and his wife, Elaine; Murray Goodz, and his wife, Naomi; Jonathan Wener and his wife, Susan; Isin Ivanier; Mervin Kerman; and Norman Spector.

Also joining the trip were two Canadian Bonds officials — accountant executive Jacques Vogler, of Toronto, and national public relations director Erol Araf, of Montreal.

Seen on a recent Bonds mission to Israel are (from left) Bob Daniels; Ted Winick, Barry Zagdanski, Miguel Singer and Fred Guth.

"Kinder transport" reunion planned for 89

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A 50th anniversary reunion of "kinder transport" children who were brought to England in 1938-39 from Germany, Austria and Poland will be held in London, England, June 20-21, next year.

The unaccompanied children came to England's shores in all manner of boats and in the intervening years many have settled in Israel and other countries.

Renate and Guenther Cahn of Toronto arrived in England on separate boats although Guenther was on the same boat as Renate's brother. Guenther served in the Royal Air Force. The couple came to Canada in 1954.

Although a few reunions have been held in England, this is the first time for a reunion of this scale. The organizing committee put out a newsletter estimating that 1,200 people will attend. The chairman is Bertha Leverton, 50 London Rd., Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4NU. The registration fee, covering all meals, is tentatively set at $90-$100.

Renate Cahn said the unaccompanied children arrived without knowing English, in some cases, and with no relatives in England. Their billeting was arranged at Bloomsbury House in London.

Though she knows of a few of the children living in U.S., and of another in Toronto, Cahn said she has not been in touch with any others. She and her husband are eagerly looking forward to the reunion.

The committee's representative in Israel is Mrs. Inga Sadan, P.O. Box 71105, Jerusalem.

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Organizations and People

Technique pioneered in Canada

Mount Sinai surgery helps young Argentinian

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Pablo Sametband, 20, left Mount Sinai hospital a few days ago for his home in Argentina, a much happier youth than when he arrived. For the first time in three years, he did not need to wear an ileocolostomy bag.

In surgery pioneered in Canada by Dr. Hartley Stern of Mount Sinai and Dr. Zane Cohen, Toronto General Hospital, Pablo's intestines and bowel were restructured to permit normal elimination within three months.

Pablo is the son of Holocaust survivors.

The hospital agreed to forfeit the $1,200 plus a-day-rate for foreign patients so that the youth could be brought to Mount Sinai because his family could not afford to pay. Dr. Stern waived his fee of $1,000, and the anesthetist his fee of $200. Stern estimated that the hospital is $15,000 out of pocket. Pablo's father is trying to convince the Argentine government to pay some of this back.

Suffering from colitis, Pablo was rushed to hospital three years ago in Argentina, desperately ill, and an emergency operation removed most of his colon. The surgeons left a few inches of his lower bowel because they knew reconstructive surgery could be done in U.S. or Canada, but not in Argentina.

Pablo's father was attending a conference in Canada 15 months ago when he came to Mount Sinai to see what could be done for his son.

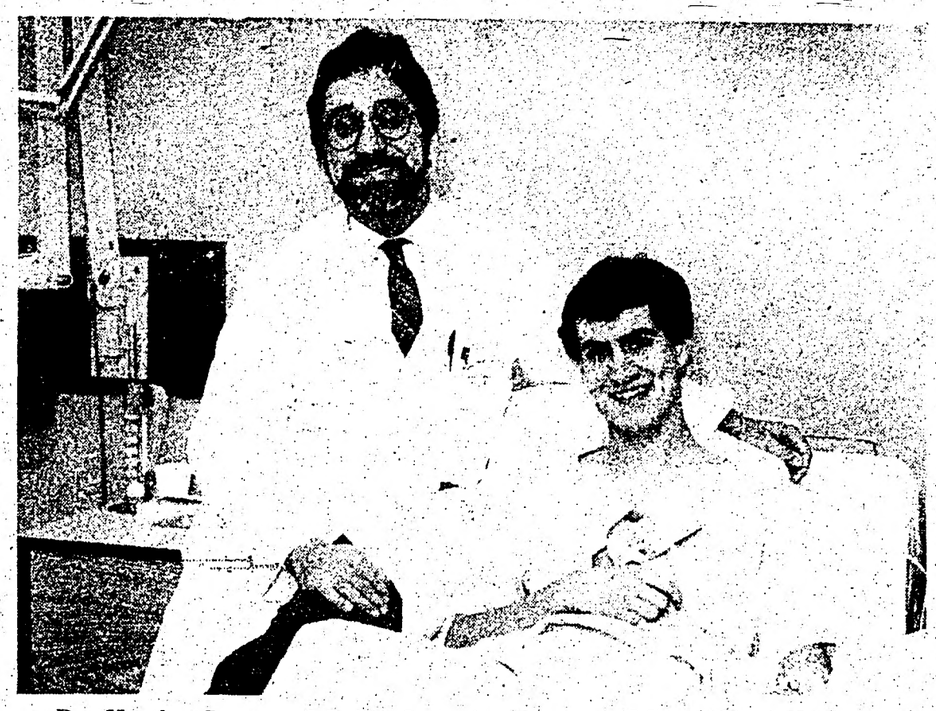
It happens that the hospital is on the leading edge of rectal-ileo surgery and research and Pablo's operation was first done here in 1982 in a joint project with Toronto General.

Many of the surgeons performing it in other Canadian cities were trained at Mount Sinai or Toronto General. But the two Toronto hospitals perform more of these operations in one year than all other Canadian hospitals combined.

Technological advances have permitted a great improvement in lifestyle for those patients who formerly required a colostomy or ileocolostomy, Stern said.

About 80% of such patients, except for the elderly, can benefit from this reconstructive surgery and avoid colostomies, he believes. The oldest patient to have this operation in Mount Sinai's experience was 56 years old.

Unfortunately the procedure cannot be used in cancer cases.



Dr. Hartley Stern and Pablo Sametband seen at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Intermarriage rate in Toronto 25%, says JF&CS' Wolfe

TORONTO — Intermarriage rates among the 18-29 age group are not as high in Toronto as in four U.S. cities says Gordon Wolfe, executive director of the Jewish Family & Child Service.

A story out of New York by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency says the intermarriage rate in that age group is 72% in Phoenix and Denver, 47% in Pittsburgh and 31% in Philadelphia.

Wolfe estimated that the Toronto rate in that age group is about 25%, and cited the commitment to Jewish values, to Jewish education and to the United Jewish Appeal as reasons why the Toronto community has a lower rate than most U.S. cities.

At the same time he conceded that the intermarriage rate in the younger group in Toronto is higher than in older age groups.

The JTA story is based on a study published by the Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University and signed by Lawrence Sternberg, associate director.

In the four U.S. cities studied, the intermarriage rates were significantly higher in the 18-29 group than in the rest of the Jewish population in those cities. The figures, with the older population groups' rate in brackets, are: Phoenix, 72 (34); Denver, 72 (37); Pittsburgh, 47 (31); Philadelphia, 38 (18).

The study in Phoenix was based on 18,500 Jewish households, in Denver on 19,000, in Philadelphia on 101,485 and in Pittsburgh on 19,000.

The study also disclosed that younger Jews are "far less likely" to have spouses converted to Judaism.

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FEREP helps students serve our community

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
For the 3rd year in a row, the Council of Jewish Federations has chosen several Canadians for its executive recruitment program.

FEREP — Federation Executive Recruitment and Education Program — will underwrite the education of three young Canadians over the next two years by providing scholarships for their post-graduate education. In return Pamela Appelbaum, Devorah Silverman and Lianne Sone have pledged to work for three years in Jewish federations after completion of their studies.

Toronto native Pam Appelbaum is enrolled at the University of Toronto's school of social work, where she is studying towards a Master's degree. A personable young woman with a variety of work experiences behind her, Appelbaum said she is looking forward to participating in Jewish community life as a professional in a Jewish federation.

Appelbaum said the process that brought her to consider a career with a Jewish organization began when she found her previous job at a bank left her unfulfilled.

She returned to the University of Toronto to complete an honors Arts degree, specializing in political sciences and Judaic studies.

It was during that year that she decided to apply for the FEREP scholarship. She had already begun "to participate more in the Jewish community," an experience she found "fulfilling. That was a clue to me that that was my niche."

Most people at the downtown Toronto bank at which she worked were unmotivated, she said. With the prospect of a career as a professional in Jewish communal organizations, Appelbaum said "I found I was lucky to combine an attachment to Judaism at an individual and collective level. I'm personally motivated to gain experience in the Jewish community and fulfil a responsibility to the Jewish community."

Appelbaum, as might be expected, can boast a number of ties to the Jewish community. At age 15 her family made aliya and spent a year at a Haifa absorption centre. She attended high school in Israel, meeting other teens from a variety of backgrounds.

"It was a big adjustment and a good challenge," she can now say.

Her time in Israel she recalls as "a real momentous event. It strengthened my Jewish identity."

However, after 3½ years, she returned to Toronto and enrolled at the University of Toronto.

Completing her BA degree in three years, she supported herself by working part time in a bank, as a cashier at Loblaws and at other endeavors.

While at university, she became a member of the Jewish Students Union, attending Bible classes there. She became involved with the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, lending support to a chapter's executive committee.

She has also volunteered with the political action committee of the Jewish Women's Federation and currently works part time at the downtown Jewish school at the Bloor Y, teaching grade 4 Hebrew and Judaic studies for kids in grade 7.

She even finds time to be a substitute teacher on occasion in Hebrew classes at the Holy Blossom school.

With those kinds of credentials, it's easy to see how Appelbaum was chosen by the FEREP selection committee at interviews in Philadelphia.

She will receive a $10,000 scholarship for the 2-year Master's program and an optional loan is available to her on generous repayment terms.

In the meantime, Appelbaum will combine her education with "field work" at the Toronto Jewish Congress, preparing her for the career she has chosen as a Jewish federation professional.

Devorah Silverman, 22, is currently studying at the joint Jewish Theological Seminary/Columbia program in Jewish communal service.

A native of Hamilton, Silverman attended Beth Jacob Hebrew school afternoons and weekends for five years before enrolling at Montreal's McGill University, where she majored in Jewish studies. She also spent one year at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

Silverman, who describes herself as "the daughter of a Conservative rabbi and the principal of an afternoon Hebrew school," said her parents consistently served as role models.

In her written application to the FEREP program, she expressed concern for an often forgotten element in the community: Jewish federations must strive to meet all the challenges it is faced with, including those posed by people who fall into the "marginal" sector of the Jewish population, she said, such as single parents, homosexuals and the handicapped.

Lianne Sone, 23, is studying at Wurtzweiller's graduate social work program. A native of Toronto, she attended the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and later the 1-year program at the Hebrew University.

In the statement she submitted to the CJF, Sone wrote she has participated in numerous community activities, including work with the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish Student's Network and the Reena Foundation.

As "witness to a fairly strong Jewish community, I have decided that I want to contribute to the vitality of it," she stated, pointing out the needs of 20,000 "poor Jews" in Toronto as well as of Jewish education.

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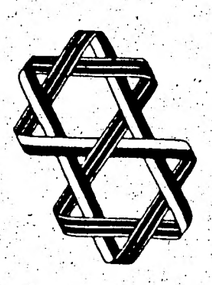

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TORONTO

Organizations and People

Moscoe, Gardner acclaimed

North York controllers vie for seats on Metro

On Nov. 14 voters across Ontario will head to the polls to choose the men and women who will run their regional, town and city councils for the next three years. The CJN wraps up its examination of these races looking at politics in Metro Toronto's largest Jewish municipality.

By
JEFF ROSEN

NORTH YORK — Whether or not Mayor Mel Lastman is reelected in the upcoming municipal election, life around North York council chambers promises to be quite different.

In 1985 Lastman defeated former North York Controller Barbara Greene to retain his chain of office. This time out former North York alderman Mike Foster is challenging the popular incumbent for the job. Other candidates for mayor are Freddie Jay and Douglas Campbell.

However, as a result of direct election (CJN Nov. 3) most of the familiar faces on the now defunct board of control have decided to seek new challenges at the Metro level.

Of the city's four controllers, only Bob Yuill has decided to stay in North York, while Norm Gardner, Howard Moscoe and Mario Gentile seek seats on Metro council.

Joining these three will be five women currently on council including: Maria Augimeri from Ward 5, Bev Salmon from Ward 8, Marie Labatte from Ward 10 and Joan King from Ward 13.

Not all councillors have decided to abandon ship though. Veterans Milton Berger in Ward 6, Irv Chapley in Ward 7, Ron Summers in Ward 9 and Jim McGuffin in Ward 11 have decided to remain at North York.

Chapley will face Mark Arshawsky and Eric Cohen (see separate story in this issue).

Other newcomers to the North York political scene are Marilyn Lastman, who

Bev Salmon

is running for councillor in Ward 13 against Bob Bradley, Harvey Brooker and Allan Ginsberg and Eleanor Rosen and R. Horwich in Ward 4.

Norm Gardner, who was acclaimed in the riding of North York Centre (Wards 9 and 11), said he decided to run for Metro council because of the amount of time he has devoted to the senior municipal council in the past term.

In the coming session at Metro council, Gardner said the need for a new landfill site for Metro's garbage will be a hot item. He said that while environmental assessment hearings can take six to seven years, Metro needs a new site within the next two.

The need for more policing will also dominate the agenda, he said, as police deal with more violence and combat drug abuse. Affordable housing will also be an ongoing subject debated at Metro, he added.

Gardner predicted that the new system of direct election will make Metro council stronger as it was instituted by the province and will allow politicians to give Metro their full attention.

Gardner was first elected to the board of control in 1981, after sitting as an alderman for four years. He was returned as a controller in the 1985 municipal election.

Controller Moscoe has been acclaimed in North York Spadina (Wards 4 and 7). He said he decided to leave North York for Metro council because to do otherwise "would be a step down." Instead, the veteran politician (seven years as alderman, three as controller) said he decided to go where the major issues are.

These issues will involve affordable housing, garbage disposal and development. Moscoe said Metro has a "golden opportunity" to provide much needed housing and should force suburban municipalities within Metro to provide it.

Moscoe criticized Metro for paying lip service to its official plan in the past and said the downtown core should be decentralized, instead of being concentrated in the City of Toronto.

The most important challenge Moscoe sees for the new Metro council will be to begin operating as a new level of government.

He said the changes in municipal politics will be more effective as Metro politicians will no longer have to divide their time between their local councils and Metro.

While Bea Solmon has never had the chance to represent her constituents on Metro council, she hopes to do so come Nov. 14.

First elected as North York councillor in Ward 8 in 1985, Salmon is now seeking election to Metro council in North York Centre South, which takes in her old ward and Ward 6. She will go up against former Toronto politician Dr. Gordon Chong, who ran unsuccessfully in the last provincial election.

She said she decided to run for Metro this time as her constituents wanted her to represent them at that level. And although she has never worked directly at Metro's senior level, she said she has made many representations there.

During her first term at North York, Salmon said she has been involved in organizing a citizens' protest rally against market value assessment and bringing ratepayers concerns about infill or "monster" housing to council. The latter resulted in new regulations being introduced to make new dwellings compatible with existing neighborhoods.

In the coming term at Metro, Salmon said market value assessment will continue to be high on the agenda, as will environmental issues such as roads and garbage disposal.

While his fellow controllers are leaving North York, Bob Yuill has decided to run for councillor in Ward 8 as he feels it is the more responsible council to get things accomplished.

He said that financial stability and transportation will dominate North York's agenda in the next session. The latter item will arise from increased development north of the city, which will cause increased traffic problems.

He is being opposed by Joanne Flint.

Counsellor expresses hope for Spadina Expressway

NORTH YORK — Since its inception, the Spadina Expressway has been the subject of numerous political debates. Even though many regard it as a dead issue, it may eventually find new life, as one of Metro Toronto's new directly elected councillors recently revealed.

Norm Gardner, who has been acclaimed in the electoral district of North York Centre, brought up the issue of the expressway — now called the Allen Rd. — in response to a question on traffic problems in North York at a recent all-candidates meeting for Ward 7.

He told his audience of mostly senior citizens at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living that the expressway was supposed to take thousands of cars off Metro roads to ease traffic congestion which often causes a congestion of TTC buses in one area.

However the expressway was initially halted at Lawrence Ave. and then extended to Eglinton where motorists face daily traffic problems getting on Eglinton, only to then confront local traffic restrictions.

"One of these days, hopefully we will get Spadina back on the burner," said Gardner, a controller on North York's present council.

Gardner praised the city's transit system and its special rates which allow seniors to ride at a reduced fare. He also pointed out that Metro Toronto provides 19,000 housing units for seniors and said Metro has a strong commitment to helping the elderly.

Gardner, whose electoral district encompasses Wards 9 and 11, was just one of many candidates who attended the meeting to outline their concerns.

Veteran Ward 7 Councillor Irving Chapley told his audience that he has been working to help seniors in the area for the past 35 years — the last 15 on council — to make their life easier. He outlined his accomplishments, which included helping to establish the Bernard Betel Centre.

In the past term he helped guide the development of 195 homes, 350 income geared to rental apartments and $300 million of commercial and industrial development in the ward.

His opponent Eric Cohen said that as a lifetime resident of Ward 7, he has witnessed its growth and has an understanding of what the ward will need in the future.

As an established ward with a large number of senior citizens, he said homecare programs must be improved and expanded and activity centres and non-profit homes for the elderly must be constructed.

Cohen, executive assistant to Willowdale MPP Gino Matrundola, founded the Citizens for a Clean North York to assist seniors and the disabled during the garbage strike in 1986. He has also worked with ratepayer's groups in the ward to help solve their problems.

North York mayoralty candidate Mike Foster, expressed his concerns about the need for more housing in the city. Foster, a former alderman, said council has to deal with people's needs as lineups at foodbanks have grown in the past few years.

He also said to go the extra step in tackling problems such as protecting the environment. He said there are 31 locations in North York with contaminated PCB containers.

While applauding North York Hydro for getting rid of such pollutants, he said council should offer the business community incentives to get rid of their PCBs.

Bob Dyer, candidate for North York Hydro Commission, criticized the commision for increasing its rates a full percentage point above the 5.3% Ontario Hydro increase, despite being debt-free. He said North York should pass more of its costs onto builders and developers and give residential consumers a break.

Jack Bedder, hydro commissioner for the past eight years, praised North York for operating one of the best utilities in the province.

He said he has continually voted to ensure North York Hydro remains debt-free and outlined improvements in the commission's services. This has included allowing residents to pay their utility bills at the library and allowing seniors to delay paying their bills until they receive their pensions.

Mayoralty candidates Douglas Campbell and Freddie Jay also made brief speeches, the latter calling for a drug hotline to allow people to report illicet drug acts and for Sunday shopping to be allowed on a 6-month trial basis.

School trustee Mae Waese who has served the community for the past 10 years said the school board has attempted to reach out to the older community in the last few years to ensure they get value for their education dollars. This has included offering computer classes at the Bernard Betel Centre and increasing interaction between schools and seniors' groups. **J.R.**

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Equivalent of nine lives

Feffer returns to Toronto

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The rabbi has come home again.

He has lived the equivalent of nine lives — he was a Holocaust survivor, a U.S. army chaplain, an interim rabbi at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Toronto, for nine months in 1968, rabbi for five years at Shaare Zedek Synagogue in Saint John, NB, and at Beth El synagogue in Akron, Ohio, for 19 years.

But Rabbi Abraham Feffer, 60, has come back to Toronto. "In my mind Toronto is next to Jerusalem (he has visited Israel 13 times) as my favorite city," he told The CJN. "It is such a clean city and it has a growing, dynamic Jewish community.".

Time will not hang heavy on his hands. He has been designated a sponsoring rabbi and consultant in Toronto to screen candidates for conversion in the Conservative synagogues and he wants to rewrite his autobiography and translate it into English from Yiddish.

Rabbi Abraham Feffer

In 1960, Feffer took leave of the rabbinate for three years so he could, in his own words, "confront myself," at Auschwitz "to find out why, as the least deserving, I was spared." He lost his parents and sisters at Auschwitz.

In that Polish sabbatical, he went to his home town of Dobrin where not one Jew remained. The town's 2,000 Jews were rounded up in November, 1942. He lit the Chanukah candles at the main gate of Auschwitz under the "Work Makes You Free" sign.

In Dobrin, where people recalled him as the son of the town's intellectual (the bookstore owner) he discovered that tombstones from the Jewish cemetery were used as paving blocks on the streets. He went to Warsaw to get permission to dig up the tombstones and bury them at the entrance to the cemetery. Townspeople helped him with the task.

Rabbi Feffer and his wife, the former Beth Weis of Toronto, have one daughter, Miriam, 12, who attends Bialik school. They lost a boy, age 2, to leukemia in Akron. Mrs. Feffer is a social worker with Jewish Family & Child Services.

They went back to Saint John last month and Rabbi Feffer has nothing but admiration for its Jewish community. "They had 200 Jewish families when I was rabbi there and now they have 50 families. They are down but not out.

"They have services every Friday and Saturday and they are proud of the Jews who left Saint John to become leaders in other Canadian Jewish communities."

When Feffer was offered the post in Saint John, he had to look it up on a map. He thought New Brunswick was a city in New Jersey, which it is.

Highlights of his Saint John stay include the time he met the Queen Mother and his chairmanship of the province-wide committee to plan religious programs for Canada's centennial in 1967.

"My uncle in New York brought me to America in 1946," he said. "He was a shoichet and a very poor man. I worked as a busboy while I was attending high school." He completed the 4-year-high school program in 2 years and the 4-year program at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York in 3.

When he was ordained, Rabbi Feffer wanted to express his thanks to the U.S. army which liberated him from a railway box car bound for Dachau in 1945. So he became an army chaplain for two years, 1956-58, at Fort Hood, Tex.

One of his goals in Poland in the early 1960s was to find Jewish children who had survived but who had been converted to other religious faiths. He was successful in some cases, but in one particular case he ran into a dead end.

A mother and her 7-year-old boy had escaped the Warsaw Ghetto and were on a street car near the ghetto, when the boy fell off on the tracks and was run over by a following street car. The mother fled the scene, believing that the boy would have a better chance without her.

Rabbi Feffer traced the boy to a Roman Catholic school, and found other leads, but no one would tell him where her son was. The mother, now in her 80s, has decided to give up, he said.

Rabbi Feffer was a speaker recently at Beth David, B'nai Israel, Beth Am Synagogue in a series on the Holocaust.

Concert for Kids slated for Bloor Y

TORONTO —
Charlotte Diamond, Rick and Judy, and The Travellers will be the feature artists in the 2nd annual Concerts for Kids series at the Jewish Community Centre, Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., Sundays at 2 p.m.

Diamond will perform Nov. 13; Rick and Judy Feb. 12 and The Travellers, April 16.

Diamond has just released her fourth album *Diamonds and Dragons*, her second release this year. In May she put out her first all-French album, titled, *Qu'il y a toujours le soleil* (May there always be sunshine).

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Kesher connects

TORONTO —
Metro's observant singles — both baalei teshuva and frum from birth — have a new social group.

It's called Kesher (connection in Hebrew) and its first event, a lecture, is set for Nov. 12 at 8 p.m at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Dr. Daniel Tropper, director of Israel's Gesher Foundation, is the guest speaker. Refreshments will follow.

Kesher, a non-profit organization, is part of the adult education committee of Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue and is coordinating its efforts with four other shuls: Clanton Park, Shaarei Tefillah, B'nai Torah and Beth Jacob.

For further information, call 764-5833.

Emunah Women Planning Ofra Harnoy Concert

Carol Kravetsky, Concert Committee Chairperson

Emunah Women of Toronto are holding a concert with renowned cellist Ofra Harnoy on Saturday evening, November 26th at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

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Shown at Constellation Hotel where Chiropractors Division held a Sunday morning function, are from the left: Dr. David Singer, guest speaker, and co-chairmen William Castor and Phil Martin.

Pegi Gross and **Frank Simkevitz**, co-chairmen of the Marketing and Communications Division, set up a unique (at least for UJA) program that brought out members of the division last Monday evening.

The focus centred around free trade and its impact on Canadian advertising and marketing. Can't get more topical than that these days.

Representatives from both Liberal and Conservative camps discussed the issues involved in expected heated fashion. We'll have a full report next week.

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The response and turnout for the New Leadership Council dinner dance at Casa Loma on **Monday** was incredible. RSVP calls had to be cut off at 230 due to lack of space.

The guest speaker was **Shira Herzog Bessin**, former national director of the Canada-Israel Committee. She talked about the elections in Israel, United States and Canada.

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There's a growing trend that's gaining favor among the real estate crowd, aside from selling more residential and commercial properties, that is. **Marvin Cohen**, also known as Mister Real estate, combined a UJA and business meeting for his staf at the Lipa Green Building.

The room was set up for 60, and as more and more of Cohen's agents arrived, it became necessary to bring in extra seats. All in all, there were more than 70 men and women who attended.

Yona Gazit, our very articulate and knowledgeable in-house emissary from Jerusalem, filled the group in on essential information concerning the skyrocketing costs of bringing Jews out of Russia, Iran, etc. A general campaign overview was presented by **Judy Scheininger**, Business Division coordinator.

A similar concept was tried with great success by Forest Hill Real Estate in September. Cohen, who is a division co-chairman, advocates this approach for other real estate firms.

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Agnes Serenyi, was the sole female among the ten members of Jews of Hungarian Descent who participated in the society's first Sunday telethon of the 1989 campaign.

Joining president **Armin Weiss** on the telephones in adition to Serenyi, were: **Dr. Imre Farkas, Mike Garay, Eugene Jacobs, Wilhelm Reiss, Leslie Sebastian, Tibor Stern, Eugene Weis** and **Miklos Winkler**.

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Invitations have gone out to "friends and colleagues" of the Arts & Entertainment Division to attend an advance screening of Oliver Stone's "**Talk Radio**," courtesy of Cineplex Odeon Corporation.

It's at Film House on Sunday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. and is based on the book "Talked to Death: The Life and Murder of Alan Berg."

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As the countdown to closing gets under way, telethons are taking place every available evening and Sunday right across the campaign.

The divisional leadership had a breakfast meeting on Sunday, October 30. Update reports were presented before telephoning began.

The second of these Sunday leadership breakfast meetings took place on November 6, with **Shira Herzog Bessin** the guest speaker.

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The 57th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations will be held in New Orleans this year from November 16 to 20.

According to a press release from the CJF Public Relations Awards Committee, the number of awards and citations increased 41% over the previous year. This, the release explains, indicates outstanding and continued improvement in the quality of PR material created by federations across North America.

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Organizations and People

Only for ritual baths now

Rabbi stops mikvah being used for conversions

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
The use of the Koschitsky mikvah on Sheppard Ave. W. for conversions has been prohibited, says Rabbi Lipa Wechter.

Wechter, who has been involved with the mikvah since its founding in 1971, along with Rabbi Gedalia Felder and Rabbi Nahum Rabinovitz and the Koschitsky family, who endowed it, has the responsibility for its day-to-day operations. He told The CJN in a telephone interview that the mikvah is now only for ritual use by women after their monthly menstrual cycle.

"Any Jewish woman is more than welcome to come here," he stressed.

The rabbi took the step at the beginning of this summer, and it was not made known to the public while behind the scenes negotiations between him and Toronto Jewish Congress, various rabbinical associations and the Koschitsky family have been going on. These negotiations continue.

Immersion in a ritual bath in the presence of acceptable witnesses is one of the requirements for conversion according to Jewish law, along with circumcision for men and the study and acceptance of the basic tenets of Judaism.

While the ban is in force against all conversions, in fact, the Reform and Conservative rabbis are the hardest hit, since most, although not all, Orthodox rabbis have access to other mikvahs. This state of affairs has led some in the Conservative and Reform movements to see the decision as a direct attack on them.

Rabbi Moshe Lowy, president of the Vaad Harabonim of Toronto, the association of Orthodox rabbis, said that his organization was not consulted prior to Wechter's action, and had no part in it. In fact, several years ago, a similar proposal was voted down by the Vaad "in the interests of community harmony."

The Vaad, he added, has for some time been trying to persuade Wechter to give them the responsibility for the mikvah's operation, but without success.

Lowy expects the Vaad to discuss the matter at its next meeting.

Herb Rosenfeld, president of Toronto Jewish Congress, said that it is Congress' contention that the Sheppard mikvah was intended for the use of the entire Jewish community, for whatever purpose it was needed, and that that philosophy should not be changed. Henry Koschitsky, son of Israel Koschitsky, who endowed the facility, agreed with Rosenfeld.

"My father has always expected the mikvah to be open to the whole community, without restriction."

Both indicated that neither they, nor Israel Koschitsky, now living in Belgium, have had any success in changing Wechter's mind, although they both told The CJN that they were still trying.

Rosenfeld, when asked what alternatives Congress was considering should negotiations fail, said that, although he felt it is "unfair to consider alternatives when we are still hopeful," nevertheless, he and his officers and executive agree that "it is a communal responsibility to provide a community mikvah."

He also praised all segments of the community for acting with discretion and in a spirit of cooperation while negotiations have been in progress.

Rabbi Lawrence Troster, spiritual leader of Shaareh Haim Synagogue in Richmond Hill, and president of the Ontario Region of the (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly, said that the situation has created great hardship, since the Conservative rabbinate has had to use out of town mikvahs for their conversions, many of which are of (adopted) children.

While recoghizing that "only a certain segment of the Orthodox community is involved," he said that the closing "reflects a polarization of the community I am not happy with." He feels it is a spillover from the Israeli scene, and compares it to the recent attempt to withdraw kashruth certification from a Conservative youth hostel there.

"Over the years," he went on, "there has been an attempt to maintain a sense of unity, tolerance and pluralism — a community civility" in Toronto.

Rabbi Daniel Komito Gottlieb, chairman of the Canadian Region of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), said Toronto is one of the few places where the Reform rabbinate has had a commitment to performing conversions according to halacha. He indicated that he is disappointed that Wechter's decision "is making it difficult for us to continue this practice."

Rabbi Erwin Schild, president of the Toronto Board of Rabbis, whose members include rabbis from all streams of Judaism, agreed that "it would be unfortunate if the relative unity of our community is shattered by this incident," and expressed the hope that "temperate and wiser heads will prevail."

Schild refused to comment on the suggestion by some of those interviewed that the Board is planning to take legal action.

"We are considering all the options open to us," he said, "because we live in a democratic society that protects its citizens against arbitrary actions."

Troster, Gottlieb and Schild all say readily that the closing of the mikvah for conversions was not sanctioned by the general Orthodox community. Nevertheless, they feel, as Schild put it, "It is the duty of the mainstream Orthodox rabbis to speak out."

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Unification may not be possible

Mutual respect urged for Jewish movements

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Although unification between Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews may never be possible, mutual respect must be stressed among all Jews, says Michael Stroh, spiritual leader of the Reform Temple Har Zion.

"We all have differences of consciousness and faith but we should be able to talk on the basis of mutual respect, dignity and sincerity for the other party," he says.

Stroh participated in a recent dialogue between representatives of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements held at Temple Har Zion. Other speakers were Lawrence Troster, spiritual leader of Shaareh Haim, a Conservative synagogue in Richmond Hill and Eliot Feldman, rabbi of Kehillat Shaarei Torah, an Orthodox synagogue.

Stroh said that as a Reform rabbi, he does not expect or seek Orthodox recognition of his views. "Is it possible however, for all three movements to come together without sacrifice of principles and make the moves necessary to prevent the Jews from becoming two peoples?" he asked.

He said that among the primary issues that cause differences of opinion are that of conversion and Jewish divorce. "We do not all recognize each other's conversions" and there are people who "are Jewish to some and not to others. Is there a way to recognize these conversions and subsequent marriages without sacrificing principles?"

Stroh suggested that it could be possible if a beth din (rabbinical court) were to be set up with representatives from all three movements. "They would supervise all conversions and divorces and we would all accept each other for the sake of unity."

Troster said that "we don't always have to agree but we must respect each other. We must work for the good of all Jews." In order to ensure unity of all Jews "we will all have to give up our ideological superiority," he added.

Troster said that there is a lack of communication between denominational groups. "We must at least talk about issues such as divorce and conversion. A national beth din may be a good approach."

Feldman said that "tonight's discussion is not an interfaith dialogue. We are all Jews."

He agreed that all Jews should always talk to each other but said that "we will not see the beth din. In order to have a beth din all people have to have the same principles. That is where it will break down."

Stroh repeated that he does not expect Orthodox recognition because the differences are too great "but I do expect and seek recognition in the State of Israel. Israel is a democracy and it should not be their business to make decisions about religion."

Troster agreed that "there must be separation of religion and state in Israel. The only way to ensure religious liberty is not to have a chief rabbinate."

When asked who has the right to interpret the law, Stroh and Troster said that there is no one authority in Jewish life. "It is not a question of finding one authority. It is a question of respecting others even if you don't agree with them. Halacha may be divinely inspired but is humanly applied," said Troster.

Feldman said that as a teacher (at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto), "it is my job to represent the Torah as best I can. When we talk about the Torah we talk about two things: the fact that God is one and that the oral and written law is revealed from God. I am asked to guide my life by that book."

In response to the rabbis' talk, Morden Shapiro, a representative of the Reform movement said "I feel a great deal of commoness with Rabbi Feldman because I am a Jew. I am committed to Torah, God and the Jewish people.

He said however, that he finds it difficult to reconcile the concept of whether one of us is or is not a Jew."

An irate man in the audience agreed with Shapiro saying "by what right does anyone tell me who is a Jew. I lived through the Holocaust at a time when we were all Jews."

Ellen Katz, a Conservative Jew said that the strength of Conservative Judaism is that "we recognize different responses to Judaism within our own movement. We must recognize each person's dignity and tolerate everyone."

Ronald Clinton said that "we all came here simply as Jews. Our differences are mainly in the acceptance of Halacha. As Orthodox Jews, we are taught that we cannot tamper with Halacha."

Stroh said that "although our differences cannot be resolved this evening we must stress klal Israel, unity of the Jewish people.

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Reunion a first

Camp Massad alumni renew old acquaintances

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

Over hors d'oeuvres and pastries, former counsellors and campers of Camp Massad in the Quebec Laurentides had the opportunity to reminisce at the camp's first-ever alumni reunion since its inception more than 40 years ago.

The reunion was held recently at the Lipa Green Building with more than 100 former Massadniks present, many of whom had not seen each other for a quarter of a century.

"The mood was ecstatic and reminiscent with many tears flowing. It was truly a fantastic evening," said lawyer Issie Fishman, 38, immediately following the event.

"At first we were scared that people wouldn't recognize each other, so we donned the necessary name tags," he said. "Yet, when we saw the faces, there was instant recognition."

Among those present were Chaviva Hosek, Ontario's housing minister as well as former "vatikim" from across Southern Ontario, Quebec, and even one alumnus, Dr. Sidney Katz, who came especially from Vancouver for the event.

The idea for the reunion came from Camp Massad alumni Chaviva Hosek, prominent Toronto lawyer Norman May and Dr. Yehuda Lipsitz, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, who was director of Camp Massad from 1964 to 1972.

Many former campers and staff of the camp, situated on Lac Carre near St. Agathe, Que., now live in Ontario, said Lipsitz. The camp was founded after World War II and stressed Jewish culture, tradition, and Hebrew language. It is affiliated with the Keren Hatarbut movement.

Norman May provided the opening remarks, followed by Dr. Sidney Blanshay, Camp Massad director for the Quebec region.

Alumni Debra Eklove, a Jewish cultural leader, David Kaufman, a producer for CBC's The Journal, and Elan Dresher, a linguistics professor at University of Toronto, presented a medley of camp songs.

Micha Givon, former drama and music counsellor in the late 60s, prepared a humorous poem in Hebrew filled with numerous camp anecdotes: it had the audience roaring.

Lipsitz entertained the group with a slide presentation taken during his 8-year tenure as camp director some 20 years ago. One of the first camp movies dating back to the mid-1950s was also shown.

"Many adults who attended saw themselves portrayed in the slides or the movie as campers or counsellors. It was truly funny to see how we looked then," Fishman noted.

Fishman, who attended Camp Massad from the age of 11 and eventually became a counsellor there has maintained a close tie to the camp since then.

"I always looked forward to each camp season with great anticipation. It gave me the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones," he said. "It also gave me a sense of independence and encouraged me to speak Hebrew."

Although the exterior setting of the camp is still the same, says Fishman, there have been some improvements including the addition of new bunks and a new auditorium. The spectacular lakefront site has always been one of the camp's best assets, he feels.

Over the years the number of campers has fluctuated from a high of 400 to a low of 100, Fishman reported.

"But it has never lacked spirit," said Fishman, who is so buoyed by this year's successful reunion that his committee is already planning ahead for next year's.

At Camp Massad reunion are (from left) Norman May, Chaviva Hosek, Issie Fishman, Debra Elklove, Sheila Lancit and Edmond Lipsitz.

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Building campaign over two-thirds of the way to goal

USDS dedicates new Bayview Ave. campus

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
It was an upbeat celebration as students, staff, family and friends of United Synagogue Day School gathered recently to dedicate the new Bayview branch educational facility at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

USDS' 2-year-old renovation and fund raising campaign is now well over the hump and members of the Growth and Development Campaign Committee thanked everyone involved for helping to make the campaign such a huge success.

Shirley Worth, president of the USDS board of directors and a member of the campaign committee said that the celebration "is a culmination of hard work by many people. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the scores of you who made this happen."

The USDS growth and development campaign began in 1986 to renovate the Bathurst Campus, housed at Beth Tzedec Synagogue; build additional classrooms and do necessary renovations at the Bayview Campus, housed at Beth Tikvah and establish a third campus in Richmond Hill in conjunction with the Shaareh Haim Congregation.

The goal of the campaign was to raise $3 million and to date the campaign has received pledges and monies totalling $2.1 million. Of this, $650,000 was raised from the sponsoring synagogues with the balance coming from USDS and various contributors.

Ira Schecter, chairman of the board of USDS said that by raising this money they "are able to leave a legacy for which the next generation can benefit. Support from the sponsoring synagogues allowed much of this to happen."

Sponsoring synagogues of USDS are Adath Israel, Beth Sholom, Beth Tikvah, Beth Tzedec, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Shaar Shalom and Shaareh Haim.

Schecter said that each congregation enthusiastically responded to their needs. "You have acknowledged education as being the building block of our community. By working together we have expanded in the word united."

North York Mayor Mel Lastman told the crowd that this "is a real success story. You should all be congratulated. You are doing a great job for our Jewish community."

Aaron Nussbaum, director of education for USDS said that "this is truly a day of rejoicing. The vision of the founders of USDS has been more than lived up to."

He said that there is a century-old Hebrew poem entitled, For Whom Am I Toiling. "We do see the fruits of our labor. We know for whom we are toiling."

Tom Lobel, chairman of the Growth and Development Campaign Committee thanked the Parents' Association for the funds it raised.

He noted that in recognition of its activities the new staff room has been dedicated in its honor.

To add to all the enthusiastic speeches, USDS students sang Hebrew songs, performed folk dances and participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Rabbi Lawrence Troster, president of the Ontario Regional Rabbinical Assembly and spiritual leader of Shaareh Haim Congregation delivered the invocation.

New Sephardi day school may include community centre

By
DAVID BUZAGLO

TORONTO —
Or Haemet, Toronto's Sephardi day school, is finalizing plans for the construction of its own building, which may also include a Sephardi community centre. The site is a 3-acre lot north of Bathurst and Steeles.

"Reflected is the growth of our community," said the school's education director, Rabbi Rokach. He estimates that there are about 40,000 Sephardi Jews in Canada now.

Or Haemet Sephardic School was founded 14 years ago with 12 students; it operated from the basement of Petah Tikva Synagogue. It now is located at 37 Southbourne and accommodates 262 students.

Rokach estimates that the newly built school will cost between $7 million and $8 million and accommodate 400 students.

The site may also serve as a Sephardi community centre, said Rokach, to "provide facilities for the community at large — a meeting place, a place for lectures, swimming and other sports activities." Or Haemet plans to work closely with the Sephardi synagogues in Toronto to achieve this goal, he added.

President of the school is Jack Benquesus, counsel is Maurice Vaturi and the chairman in charge of fund raising is Maurice Benzacar.

Further demonstrating the community's growth, two Sephardi synagogues were recently inaugurated, one in Dollard-des-Ormeaux (Quebec), the other in Toronto, Tiferet Israel Congregation.

Many of the Sephardim in Canada are of Moroccan origin. They immigrated to Canada in the 1950s, 60s and 70s.

Although adjustment was difficult, many have now established successful businesses and excelled in the professions, said Rokach.

Despite the progress, "there have been some setbacks in the community in the past two years with the passing of some of its most able and respected leaders," the rabbi said.

Whatever the outcome may be, the leaders see a bright future, one in which the Sephardi community will play an increasingly important role in the overall Jewish community, he added.

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Compiled By
DAVID BIRKAN

A chassidic saying best sums up Dr. Bernie Siegel's bestseller *Love, Medicine and Miracles* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $13): Mitzva gedola l'yiot b'simch tamid. It is a great obligation to be happy.

The findings of "psychoneuroimmunology," the latest term for the power of positive thinking in maximizing health, suggest that emotional wellbeing can often be critical to recovery from cancer, heart attacks, and other potentially fatal diseases, says U.S. surgeon Siegel.

Immediate patient aids that he recommends include placebos, music and windows in operating rooms, and other techniques to raise the spirit and maintain hope.

Direct involvement in the medication process, in which the patient questions and monitors his own treatment, has also shown to be of benefit to the patient, writes Siegel.

Physician empathy is also helpful; he keeps his hair shaved bald like patients under going chemotherapy.

Unhappiness, however manifested, is definitely not conducive to health. "A common precursor of cancer is a traumatic loss or feeling of emptiness in one's life." he writes. Elsewhere in the book he says that "depressed men are twice as likely to get cancer as non-depressives.

He invokes classical physician Galen's observation that "melancholy people are more likely to get cancer than those with more sanguine dispositions."

Additional psychobiological nuances are suggested by two other observations:

• Siegal quotes a poem by W.H. Auden, who says that cancer strikes "when there's no outlet for foiled creative fire."

• In many cases, cancer attacks areas of individual psychological significance, like the breasts of a showgirl or the throat of a singer.

Siegel describes four crucial questions and their ramifications that he asks patients:

• "Do you want to live to be 100?

• "What happened to you in the year or two before your illness?

• "What does the illness mean to you?"

• Why did you need the illness?"

Exercise, laughter, and play are indispensable for preserving health, or for recovering it once the psychological components of the disease are bared, he writes.

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Cigarette smoking has just been implicated as a prime factor in leukemia, and, for women, in cervical cancer.

A 16-year study of some 250,000 U.S. veterans found a 50% increase in leukemia mortality among cigarette smokers. The joint (no pun intended) study by Edinburgh University's cancer epidemiology unit and the U.S. National Institutes of Health showed that risk of contracting leukemia increased with the number of cigarettes smoked.

Meanwhile, a study by Dr. Peter Nischan of Berlin's Central Institute of Cancer Research, printed in a recent issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology, concluded that cigarette smoking increased women's susceptibility to invasive cervical cancer.

At highest risk, nearly 4½ times the average, were women who smoked, were over 45 years old and had undergone three or more pregnancies.

Biotech group to fete former consul-general

MONTREAL —

Pinhas Eliav is coming back to Montreal Nov. 15, but it is not to resume his former posting as consul-general in Montreal, a diplomatic assignment he held in 1960.

This time Eliav, the United Nations Israeli ambassador in Geneva, and his wife, Myriam, will be here to be toasted at a reception at the home of Abe and Gaby Stern under the aegis of the Canadian Friends of the Biotechnical Institute of Tel Aviv.

The Sterns and Eliavs hold a special place in their hearts for the institute, as does other Montreal leadership such as the Bloomfield family.

Myriam Eliav and Yosef Burg, the then-head of Israel's National Religious Party, helped start up the institute in 1979 in Tel Aviv at the request of the Israeli government. The Stern and Bloomfield families are counted among the institute's Canadian founders.

The institute was the first of its kind in providing the technical training and expertise for high school graduates to operate Israel's most advanced medical and technical diagnostic equipment.

Initial enrollment in 1979 was 40 students and it now numbers 1,800 with a second branch in Jerusalem. Graduates, many of whom are immigrants or are from underpriviledged sectors in Israel, graduate with expertise on how to operate equipment on the cutting edge of medical technology, electronics, and consumer science.

Gaby Stern said the reception will signal efforts to broaden the scope of the institute's activities in Montreal. Eliav will also visit Toronto.

Last year, the Bernard M. Bloomfield Building, named after the late Montreal philanthropist, was dedicated, and his widow, Neri, and daughter, Evelyn Schachter, remain dedicated supporters.

Mrs. Bloomfield and Dr. Irving Koven of Toronto are two international vice-presidents of the institute, which also has a chapter in Toronto.

The national president is Toronto's Dr. Phillip Klotz.

Stern indicated that the institute's future plans include a conference in Tel Aviv with the theme of looking towards the year 2000.

Plans include new specialized programs in optics, electronics and laser physics.

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"Veyn" over vein problem no more with sclerotherapy

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
As people become more concerned with improving their appearance, and hemlines rise to the knees, a growing number of women have become more conscious of the veins in their legs and have turned to modern methods of eliminating these unsightly vessels.

Dr. Fred Weksberg, 33, a dermatologist, who operates a private practice at 1333 Sheppard Ave. E., in Willowdale, established the Toronto Vein Clinic last year. The clinic specializes in a form of treatment called sclerotherapy. This procedure, says Weksberg, provides an effective and safe method of eradicating telangiectasias (spider veins).

"There is an increasing number of patients who come for cosmetic reasons," notes Weksberg, "but many come for treatment to relieve the discomfort that these veins may bring on."

He explains that there are a variety of factors that lead to the development of telangiectasias including, age, sex (it is two times more prevalent in females), genetic background, pregnancy, phlebitis, and extended periods of standing.

After an assessment, the treatment consists of a series of office visits where various solutions are injected with a fine needle into these small vessels. Pressure is applied with a simple bandage that can be removed in several hours.

There are several solutions that can be used in the process, adds Weksberg. The selection of an agent or agents to be used on a specific patient is determined by the patient's condition, history and specific problems.

After the treatment, there may be some bruising, but this soon disappears. "In some patients, some brownish pigmentation may occur, but this also disappears in time."

Weksberg emphasizes that with the present procedure, side affects are rare. "Continuing research and development are bringing forth new agents that are more effective and have fewer side effects."

Although the method is relatively new in North America, this technique has been used for many years in Europe to eradicate spider and varicose veins.

"Occasionally, surgery is recommended for large varicose veins before the non-surgical sclerotherapy form of treatment can successfully clear away the smaller veins.

Weksberg says that destroying these malfunctioning veins does not hinder circulation. "The blood is redirected to other normal functioning veins. As well, the skin itself does not scar but instead the veins underneath the skin gradually disappear by a scarring process."

The clinic concept was established, says Weksberg, because it is more efficient when you have a specialized clinic with a nurse who devotes her time solely to the clinic and is able to teach patients what to do and what not to do.

The Toronto Vein Clinic, has recently expanded to accommodate the demand for this service with additional doctors who also specialize in this method.

Weksberg, who recieved his medical degree at the University of Alberta medical school, completed a program in dermatology through the University of Toronto working at many major Toronto hospitals including Toronto General, St. Michael's and Women's College. He is presently on staff at North York General Hospital and Sunnybrook Medical Centre, and he also has a practice in hair transplantation and electrolysis for hair removal.

The treatments at the Toronto Vein Clinic take about 15 minutes and, depending on the problem, patients return once every two to six weeks for their injections.

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Dermatologist Dr. Fred Weksberg seen at his Toronto Vein Clinic.

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Arts

Hoofer David Gibb, surrounded by flapper-girl chorines of the 1920s, shines in Singin' In The Rain at Limelight.

Musical spreads lotsa sunshine

—By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Adolf Toman, the Bantam Busby Berkeley of the Limelight Dinner Theatre, seems to have done it again.

What do I mean by that?

Well, Toman, of course, is the impresario who specializes in making palatable molehills out of musical mountains.

He repackages lavish, tried-and-true Broadway hits and produces them on the Limelight's pint-sized stage at 2026 Yonge near Davisville (482-5200).

Most recently, he had a resounding success with *42nd Street*, which completed an 11-month run at the Limelight.

Now I predict he has another winner in his miniature version of *Singin' In The Rain*, which is scheduled for an engagement to last at least until next June.

Shrunken though it may be, with a chorus line reduced to 12 hoofers, it remains a sappy, funny, fast-paced song-and-dance show, adapted from the 1952 Hollywood musical of the same name.

That classic co-starred Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds. It featured a couple of newcomers named Rita Moreno and Cyd Charisse. And its cartoon comic strip plot lampooned the traumas of Hollywood as it made the transition from the silent screen to the talkies in the 1920s.

What made the movie so memorable was the seemingly effortless tap dancing by Kelly, the comic cutups by O'Connor, and the marvellous tunes fashioned by Betty Comden and Adolph Green from a catalogue of Arthur Freed and Nacio Brown songs; these include such evergreen standards as *All I Do Is Dream Of You, You Are My Lucky Star* and *Broadway Melody*.

Toronto choreographer Bryan Foley has ingeniously used every cranny and nook (whatever they may be) of the tiny stage.

To be sure, the famous scene in which Gene Kelly splashes through a downpour and its puddles while twirling his umbrella and crooning his love ballad, *Singin' In The Rain*, has been radically altered.

The Limelight's star hoofer, Montreal-born Barrie Wood, is barely doused by a drizzle that drips down in a curtain of water at the front lip of the stage. He also dunks himself in an eavestrough-like waterspout.

Nevertheless, Wood is an engaging dancer with Fred Astaireish elegance, and he makes the pretence work.

As his buffoonish sidekick in the Donald O'Connor role, Dave Gibb, a Toronto alumnus of the Las Vegas Follies Bergere, is a manic Jack-in-the-box; he squeezes every laugh possible out of the slapstick number, *Make 'Em Laugh*.

And Joy Thompson, a graduate of Brian MacDonald's *Mikado*, is more sexy as an ingenue than the juiceless Debbie Reynolds ever could be; when she's teamed up with Wood and Gibb, the trio unleash *Good Morning!* like a freshly tapped gusher.

But the surprise standout is Susan Gattoni, the versatile comedienne who sang and danced lead roles in Toronto productions of *A Chorus Line*, *Company* and *Cats*. Here she shines as the squeaky-voiced vamp of the silent films, with Betty Boop kiss curls and a passion for Wood, who warbles morosely in pure Brooklynese:

"I'm quite a goil,
A real culched poil,
I'm hot to trot,
He'd rather not!"

Altogether, to borrow from the musical's slangy lyrics, this show is an old-fashioned, hokey piece of razzmatazz, with lotsa hotcha-cha-cha. Or, in other words, though its drip-dry rainstorm has been reduced to a sprinkle, *Singin'* still manages to spread plenty of happy sunshine.

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Don Ameche floats through Things Change

Gangster film a dreamy comedy

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

David Mamet, best known for his contributions to the American theatre, is making a name for himself in film. *House of Games*, which he directed in 1987, was a psychological thriller that showed plenty of promise. With *Things Change*, his latest picture, Mamet seems to have arrived.

Starring Don Ameche and Joe Mantegna, it's a warm-hearted, dreamy comedy about personal integrity, fast-living and power.

Although *Things Change* is not a major movie in any sense of the word, it is an eminently crafted piece of work that establishes Mamet as a dependable, reputable director.

In common with *Married to the Mob*, it's a gentle satire about gangsters and their peculiar lifestyle. Mamet, far from being interested in demolishing hoodlums, is content to expose their obvious frailties.

Gino (Ameche) is an old Sicilian-American shoeshine man in Chicago who resembles a gangland leader who has killed someone. A local mobster, attended to by a cool moll and the usual assortment of fawning types, asks Gino to take the rap. If he does, he'll be out of jail in about three years and will get that sailboat he's always dreamed of owning.

Gino, hesitating, succumbs to the plan in a moment of weakness. He's assigned to Jerry (Mantegna), a somewhat incompetent hood who's on "probation" for some unexplained misdemeanors. Being a nice guy, Jerry takes him down to Lake Tahoe for a weekend of decadent fun before the harsh reality of prison sets in.

Through a series of errors inadvertently triggered by an obsequious chauffeur (W.H. Macy), Gino is mistaken for a Mafia kingpin — "the guy behind the guy behind the guy," as Jerry calls him. Thinking they're in the presence of a demi-God who can affect their lowly lives, all the hotel employees hop, skip and jump to gain Gino's favor.

In a scene filled with delicious Damon Runyonesque irony, Gino — a simple, Jerzy Kosinki-like character — is invited to dine with a pretentious Mafioso (Robert Prosky), "if this would be convenient with your plans."

Self-composed, dignified and aristocratically aloof, Ameche plays his part to the hilt. Looking terrific at the age of 80, he floats through *Things Change* as if it were all a dream.

Unfolding against the backdrop of a sweet, Italianate lute score, *Things Change* satirizes the mob and conspicuous consumption in contemporary America. More than that, it is a cautionary tale about one man's quest to be true to himself, even when he realizes he may be double-crossed.

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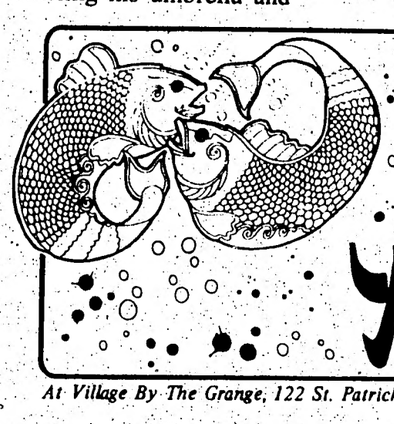

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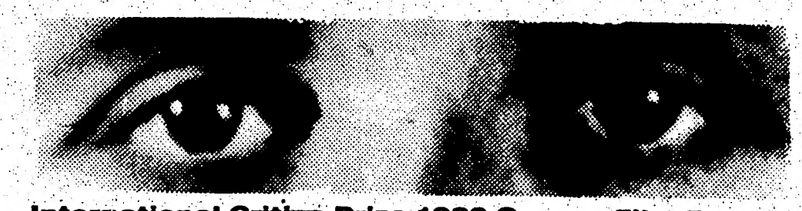

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Sculptor's work mirrors brightness, shadows of life

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

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"There is brightness, optimism, in my life, and then there are the shadows," says sculptor Ernest Raab.

The brightness stems from his present personal happiness and artistic fulfulment, the darkness from the haunting memory of grandparents, parents, a brother and sister, all lost to the Holocaust. And the Jewish community of Komarno, his Czechoslovakian hometown, destroyed by the Nazis.

This dichotomy is evident in an exhibition of recent bronze works at the Karney Daniels Gallery on Yorkville Ave. until Nov. 15.

A series of shtetl figures including a tailor, a shoemaker, a scrubwoman, all personify the dignity of work, the satisfaction of a job well done. The tailor and the shoemaker have gentle, kindly faces. The scrubwoman is absorbed in cleaning to perfection.

There is sensitivity toward the tradesmen's skills (the tailor's needle can be felt, pulling the thread through the cloth) and grace in the scrubwoman's effort. These are good people, contented people. "I cannot detach myself from the human side, the soul, the sweet face of the world," states Raab.

Then there is "the pessimistic side, nourished by my Holocaust experience," he adds.

Here are figurative abstracts, amalgams of animal and monster with horns and claws. The concepts come from Raab's wanderings in the Sinai before that area was returned to Egypt. He saw the markings for the caravan routes through the desert — small heaps of dried bones and stones, sometimes almost obscured by the shifting sand, and has created a number of bronze pieces based on these discoveries.

La Victoire shows a defiant creature, his horns pointed skyward, one foot placed firmly on his vanquished opponent — he has won this time but, says Raab, he is really just dry bones and stones, a temporary thing, like the markers in the desert, and the victory is transitory. "He will lose in the end."

Another monster entitled simply, Desert Bones, is also reminiscent of the rubble piles buffeted by the desert winds. It has a skeletal countenance, mouth gaping, hollow eye sockets.

Raab sees his "stones and bones" beings as the finest expression of his artistry at this time. But he is moving on.

"I have a key to a treasure house," he says. "There are millions of treasures inside, too many to bring them all out!"

Raab came to Canada 35 years ago, joining his three surviving sisters and a brother here. He had spent his teens and twenties in France. For at least 40 years he has dreamed of dedicating a memorial to his family and others who died.

He has written a book detailing "the last 200 years of my community, my family and myself — the physical and the spiritual person," which he calls, *The Witness of Moses, the Son of Simon.* (Moses is his Hebrew name.) And, he is sculpting a Holocaust Memorial, to be erected in Earl Bales Park.

Plans are going ahead for the monument, an etched bronze obelisk rising 36 feet from a granite pedestal, to be prominently placed on the green zone circled by Raoul Wallenberg Rd. Names of the extermination camps will be engraved on the base. Expected completion date is 1990.

(Karney Daniels Gallery is at 11 Yorkville Ave., one-half block west of Yonge St. Hours are Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Desert Bones by Ernest Raab

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Klein was Canadian Jewry's brilliant literary comet

By
FRANK RASKY

Out of the ghetto streets
where a Jewboy
Dreamed pavement into
pleasant Bible-land
Out of the Yiddish slums
where childhood met
The friendly beard, the
loutish Sabbath-goy,
Or followed proud the
Torah-escorting band,
Out of the jargoning city
I regret,
Rise memories, like spar-
rows rising from
The gutter-scattered
oats,
Like sadness sweet of
synagogal hum,
Like Hebrew violins
Sobbing delight upon
their eastern notes.
— A. M. Klein's poem,
Autobiographical

There is a mystery about A(braham) M(oses) Klein that remains unsolved until this day.

Born in 1909 in the Ukrainian shtetl of Ratno, the son of a pious Orthodox peddler of pottery, Klein was a brilliant literary comet who soared high in many spheres before his death in 1972 at the age of 63.

He was one of Canada's foremost poets. He won a Governor-General's Award in 1949 for *Rocking Chair.* It was his collection of sweet and sour verses about growing up economically poor but intellectually rich in Montreal's St. Urbain St. Jewish ghetto.

He won as well the Royal Society of Canada's Lorne Pierce Medal for distinguished service to Canadian belles lettres. Most notable were his wartime howitzers — veritable shofar blasts of poetry — demolishing Nazidom, *Hath Not A Jew* **and** *The Hitleriad.*

He was a leading figure in Jewish-Canadian culture. For two decades, he was the editor and principal columnist of The CJN's predecessor, the English-language, Montreal-based weekly, The Canadian Jewish Chronicle. His stinging wit and wide-flung erudition influenced a variety of contemporary writers, including the poets **Irving Layton** and **Miriam Waddington,** novelist **Mordecai Richler** and Henry James biographer **Leon Edel.**

He was a lawyer-social activist who used his skills to become an ardent mover-and-shaker. Behind the scenes, he was the speech ghostwriter and public relations consultant for the Seagrams distillery baron, **Samuel Bronfman,** who for 23 years was president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

On the platform, he was an electrifying orator. As college students, he and his friend **David Lewis,** co-founder of the CCF political party that became the NDP, were star Socialist-debaters at McGill University (where Klein also wrote for the campus daily a humor column called The McGilliad, a thinly veiled pun on "McGill Yid").

Later Klein was a lecturer on English literature at McGill and in 1949 campaigned as CCF federal

A. M. Klein

Nancy-Gay Rotstein

Irving Layton

Howard Jerome

Fran Herman

Leah Cherniak

candidate in the Montreal riding of Cartier against Liberal MP **Maurice Hartt.**

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The high point of his career was a 1949 trip he made, sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, to the fledgling state of Israel. He returned to make a triumphant fund raising lecture tour on behalf of Israel across the United States and Canada.

The vivid diary of his trip was the basis of his 1951 novel, *The Second Scroll.* It was published by the prestigious New York publishing house of **Alfred A. Knopf** and narrated on CBC-Radio by **Lorne Greene.** It was a powerful allegory dramatizing in lyrical prose the theme of the Wandering Jew making his last journey from the Holocaust of Europe to the reborn homeland of Eretz Yisrael.

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The low point of his life followed soon after. Despite his many successes, his election defeat at the polls increasingly preyed on his mind. He felt the Jewish community he had exalted had now rejected and betrayed him, and he eventually nursed the illusion he was a failure. He felt bitterly that he had failed in everything he had touched.

In 1952, at the age of 42, his mind snapped. His bouts of paranoia and depression led him to several attempts at committing suicide. He was committed to a psychiatric hospital in the Montreal suburb of Verdun, and after being subjected to electroshock therapy, he returned home a broken man.

He spent the last 20 years of his life in his bedroom, a virtual mute and laconic hermit. He quit his law practice and his editorship. He neglected to answer his mail. He refused to endorse royalty checks from his publishers, not even acknowledging requests to print his uncollected works.

On Aug. 20, 1972, he died quietly in his sleep, apparently of a heart attack, having abandoned a treasure trove of unfinished projects. Among them were a history of the Canadian Jewish Congress; a satirical musical comedy called *O Canada;* a chassidic folksong musical, *Worse Visitors We Shouldn't Have;* and a play titled *The Icepick,* depicting **Leon Trotsky's** last day leading up to his assassination with an icepick plunged in his back.

Klein's friends were appalled by his tragedy. What saddened the few he grudgingly allowed to visit him in his last years was the waste of his creativity. He had been a poet-journalist eloquently intoxicated with words — whether English or French, Yiddish or Hebrew — who had muzzled himself, like a monk taking a vow of silence.

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Happily, he had left behind as his legacy a banquet of literary riches. A great many gems are on display in *A. M. Klein: Literary Essays and Reviews* (University of Toronto Press; 424 pages; $19.95 paper, $45 cloth). They have been largely exhumed from back issues of The Canadian Jewish Chronicle by Ottawa archivist **Usher Kaplan** and a University of British Columbia English professor, **Moses Wolfe Steinberg,** and I strongly recommend their book as a bar mitzvah or Chanukah gift.

Following are several samples which show that Klein, the pedant with the rimless spectacles, buttoned-up shirt, shy smile and linguistic exuberance, was truly the bard of Canadian Jewry, the organ-voice of our culture. I find him most stimulating when he is writing about his pet peeves and loves.

His humor is delicious when he is poking fun at the cliches of "that mollycoddle imitative school of Dominion poetasters, who have been variously dubbed quasi-semi-pseudo-Victorian." Of insipid doggerel gushing over babies, he rails: "There should be a law against them. The writing of baby poems — extra! extra! all about the pitter-patter of little feet, the ineffable beauty of pink toes, the charm and mystery of inarticulate goo — should be made a criminal offence."

He doesn't hesitate to make cunning use of a pun when reviewing **Jean-Paul Sartre's** *Anti-semite And Jew:* "Sartre states that anti-semitism is the poor man's snobbery — a variation of the old definition that anti-semitism is the Socialism of fools. Forsooth, I do not intend an aspersion upon Socialism. Some of my best trends are Socialistic."

The most savage of his reviews cuts down to size that supreme anti-semite of poets, **Ezra Pound,** with a single, slashing line in a verse form critique: Klein calls him "the fibbiest fabricator of them all."

But it is with sadness rather than malice that he condemns Jewish-American writers, the likes of **Clifton Fadiman** or **David Daiches** or **Karl Shapiro,** for being ashamed of their Jewishness and hiding it: "They see in their heritage only succession duties. Of its inventory, they have no idea."

He pitied them for being "irrevocably committed to the thesis that the less Jewish they appear, the more American they will be. They are, to vary a notorious formula of the last century, American by Jewish dissuasion."

Klein felt it was their very betrayal of their Judaism that doomed them to secondary roles in American literature, as anthologists, reviewers, editors and teachers: "Having nothing original to contribute, they merely write but they do not create. One cannot create with another's genitals."

Himself a free-wheeling translator of Hebrew and Yiddish into English, he denounced his pretentious colleagues for substituting nice-Nellyisms for the vulgate: "Take — may it not harm you! — the exclamation, *Oy vay!* Bold indeed would he be who sought to transliterate this *cri du coueur* with a lorryman's 'O, woe!' "

On his part, he liked indulging in the earthiest of Yiddish proverbs: "One does not add salt to herring, or fat to *griven.*" He then adds his own droll literary condiment: "A Nobel prize awaits him who will render *griven* into English."

His all-time favorites in Yiddish idiom were curses with a bite: "May all his teeth fall out except one — for toothache!"

His essay on proverbs concluded with a Kleinian sting in its tail: "Of everything, says the proverb, Jews think they have too little; only of brains, they think they have enough."

He has a poet's sharp eye for a picturesque turn of phrase or a homey simile, and he is generous in his praise for authors who share that gift.

In his 1945 review of *Here and Now,* the first published volume of verse by **Irving Layton,** Klein hails the image-painter for "working to get the reader behind the eyeballs of the poet." He cites two arresting examples: "Minutes drop like dandruff" and "Suburban Westmount that squats upon a slum."

But he reserves his sovereign accolades for what he terms two minnesingers of the indomitable spirit of Jewry.

He salutes the humorist **Sholom Rabinovitch** for the aptness of his pen name: **"Sholom Aleichem,** the Jew's hello: the individual writer, in his very signature announces the approach of the total heritage: Sholom Aleichem — here come all of us!"

And on May 29, 1952, just before the maddened Klein wrapped himself in silence, he paid homage to the pioneer American Zionist, **Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn,** then celebrating his 70th birthday as "an unchallenged pre-eminence in the domain of Anglo-Jewish letters.

"Poet, novelist, translator, critic, philosopher — he has touched nothing that he has not enhanced. Gifted with a style at once fastidious and lucid, endowed with perceptions at once shrewd and sensitive, he strode onto the field of international literature — an heir of irrefutable title entering upon his heritage."

That same glorious epitaph should now rightly be applied to Abraham Moses Klein.

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A tip of my hat this week goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Mazel Tov on two scores to music therapist **Fran Herman,** director of the creative arts department of Toronto's Hugh MacMillan Medical Centre, who over 35 years has produced more than 500 shows for the company of disabled Wheelchair Players. She's now seeking disabled would-be performers, aged between 7 and 14, for her newest forthcoming variety show.

She's also co-author, with remedial art instructor **James C. Smith,** of a 227-page, brightly illustrated, eminently readable new book, *Accentuate the Positive: Expressive Arts For Children With Disabilities.* They published it themselves, and it sells for $18.95 (plus $1.75 postage). For information on both projects phone her at 425-6220, extension 646.

I look forward to seeing comic character actor **Howard Jerome,** whose voice alone makes me laugh, when he performs in **Jean Moliere's** farce, *The Bourgeois Gentleman,* running from Nov. 21 to Dec. 17 at St. Lawrence Centre.

Congratulations to Theatre Columbus director **Leah Cherniak,** who has been asked to bring her Dora Award-winning production of *The Anger In Ernest And Ernestine* to Edmonton's Northern Light Theatre from Dec. 9 to 18.

And a hearty mazel tov to the brilliant poet **Nancy-Gay Rotstein,** who has returned from a trip to England with glad tidings that Britain's top-quality publisher, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, will publish her third book of poetry, *China: Shockwaves,* which has already gone through two editions put out by Canada's McClelland & Stewart.

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My exit line this week is **Irving Layton's** definition of a poet: "Life knocks him on the head and makes him ring like a tuning fork."

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Art Gallery of Ontario: Sculptural and photo textural works and installations (1971-77) by Ian Carr-Harris, Nov. 12-Feb. 5. A first in Canada, *Drawings by Holbein from the Court of Henry VIII: Fifty Drawings from the Collection of Her Majesty the Queen*, until Jan. 15. *Trier Toys:* a special display for the holiday season from the AGO permanent collection. Nov. 19-Feb. 5, in the Trier Gallery. 317 Dundas St. W. 977-0414.

Bau-Xi: *North Keppel Land Base*, recent paintings by Roly Fenwick, to Nov. 20. John Anderson, recent paintings, Nov. 22-Dec. 11. 340 Dundas St. W. 977-0600.

Erindale Campus Art Gallery: *Toronto Winters*, a Toronto retrospective in oils and watercolors by Arto Yuzbasiyan, through Nov. The campus is located one-quarter mile north of Dundas St. on Mississauga Rd. For more information phone 920-9796 or 828-5214.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: A varied show featuring Sandro Chia, Francesco Clemente, Enzo Cucchi, and Mimmo Paladino, with work by Sigmar Polke and Arnulf Rainer, until Nov. 23. Sheila Butler, *New Work*, Nov. 26-Dec. 22. 14 Hazelton Ave. 961-0878.

First Impressions Gallery: *Mixed Media Etching Mono Prints*, one-of-a-kind show by contemporary American etchers, Timothy Stewart, Robert Chapman, Robert Alan Devoe, Michael John March, until Nov. 24. *The Winter Show*, including Alvar, Mark Buck, Marilyn Cohen, Jiang, Rizzi, Nov. 26-Jan. 12. 3441 Yonge St. 487-2887.

Fred Boedeker's Gallery: Newly opened in The Beaches, featuring over 20 Canadian artists, including Israel Broytman, Benoit Gaulin, Lila Lewis Irving, Anne Remmell, Gisela Wittenberg. 2257 Queen St. E. 691-6094.

Galerie Dresdnere: Recent paintings and mixed media drawings, a solo show by Montrealer Regine L'Heritier, until Nov. 24. Stephen Lack, oil stick drawings and one or two large works on canvas, Nov. 26-Dec. 15. 12 Hazelton Ave. 923-4662.

Garnet Press Gallery: *Delphi*, an outdoor sculpture-installation by Catherine Carmichael, reflecting present and future environmental concerns. Through to March 19. Sculpture by Carmelo Arnoldin, Nov. 17-Dec. 10. At 580 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

Gibson House Gallery: North York Calligraphy Guild exhibit, continues through Nov. and Dec. 5172 Yonge St. 225-0146.

Harbourfront: In The Photography Gallery, *Memory Works*, black and white photography by Mary Traill and Chuck Samuels. York Quay Centre, 235 Queen's Quay W. 362-4242.

The Innuit Gallery of Eskimo Art: *Cape Dorset Prints*, continues to Nov. 18. *Master Sculptors from Baker Lake*, Nov. 19-Dec. 24. At 9 Prince Arthur Ave. 921-9985.

The Isaacs Gallery: Gathie Falk, New paintings from the Support System Series, until Nov. 25. 179 John St. 595-0770.

Istituto Italiano Di Cultura: *Piazzetta and His Circle*, 18th century drawings from the Castello Sforezesco Civic Museum in Milan, presented in collaboration with the Art Gallery of Ontario, to Dec. 22. 496 Huron St. 921-3802 or921-8637.

John B. Aird Gallery: 63rd Annual Juried Exhibition, *Canadian Society of Painters in Water Color*, through November. Macdonald Block, 900 Bay St. at Wellesley. For information call 449-9543.

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Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: East Gallery, The Art of Jeremy Smith, paintings and drawings circulated by the Kitchener/Waterloo Art Gallery. West Gallery, David Milne, Selections from the Hart House permanent collection, Nov. 17-Dec. 15. Hart House, University of Toronto. 978-2453.

Karney Daniels Gallery: Ernest Raab, Recent works in bronze, including shtetl figures, and figurative abstracts inspired by the sculptor's wanderings in The Sinai. Pastels and oil paintings by H. Claude Pissarro. Both until Nov. 15. At 11 Yorkville Ave. just west of Yonge St. 964-1122.

Kinsman Robinson Galleries: sculpture by Maryon Kantaroff, through Nov. 17. At 25 Prince Arthur Ave. 964-2374.

Koffler Gallery: *Hooked on Art Sale of Paintings, Drawings, Sculpture*. A fundraising event for the gallery. Special opening Sunday, Nov. 13. from 1-8 p.m. Sale continues to Nov. 23. Admission, $2 per person. Dec. 7-Jan. 12 in the Main Gallery, *Glass in Sculpture by Canadians*, a major exhibition of sculpture by Ontarians and Quebecers, which will travel to Denmark, Finland and Germany following its Koffler premiere. In the Loggia Gallery, photographs by Nir Barakeet. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145.

Leo Kamen Gallery: *New Paintings*, Alessandro Kokocinski, the artist's first major showing in North America. *Inscriptions*, Cristina Lazar. Both Nov. 3-16. Victoria LeBlanc, New works on masonite and canvas. Lizanne Merrill/Soli Pierce, electronically painted assemblages. Both Nov. 19-Dec. 14. At 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 208. Phone 365-9515.

The Market Gallery: *Home Sweet Home Toronto*, Photographs documenting a cross-section of the dwellings of Torontonians, from the city's first brick structures to the urban renewal of the 1940s. Many of the former homes, tree-lined residential streets and downtown neighborhoods remain only in these pictures. South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. 392-7604.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *Jackson War Paintings*, 21 World War I drawings and two oil sketches by A.Y. Jackson from The McMichael Collection are complemented by a painting - *Evening, Riaumont*, on loan from the Art Gallery of Hamilton. This exhibition commemorates the 70th anniversary of the Armistice. To Jan. 8. Islington Ave., Kleinburg, Ont. 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: Katya Jacobs, new paintings, Nov. 12-Dec. 3. At 22 Hazelton Ave. 964-8197.

Original Gallery: New artists include Berry Rudachyk who does intricate bone carving in the Netsuke tradition; Kai-Liis McInnes, transparent watercolors, florals and landscapes; Simon Bisley, blown glass. 8100 Yonge St. in Thornhill (just around the corner from Yonge). 764-3388.

Quan-Schieder Gallery: Recent paintings by Philip Craig, Nov. 12-17. Recent paintings, sculptures and drawings by Norman Laliberte, Nov. 19-Dec. 1. 89 Scollard St. 968-7822.

Robert McLaughlin Gallery: *The Artist's Portrait: Marlene Hilton-Moore, 1985-88* portraits of the artist's friends and acquaintances. Until Nov. 27. *Ray Mead: The Papers*, a retrospective of works on paper by the Painters Eleven member, continues to Dec. 11. *Celebrations*, from the Thomas Bouckley Collection, is a series of photographs delving into Oshawa's memories of Armistice Day, the opening of the Armoury and the Oshawa General Hospital, circus parades and General Motors' picnics. Nov. 17-Jan. 15.

Royal Canadian Academy of Arts: An exhibition of recent works by General Idea, a collaborative unit of three artists, A.A. Bronson, Felix Partz and Jorge Zontal, winners of the third annual Gershon Iskowitz Prize. Nov. 17-Dec. 31. 8 Adelaide St. E. 363-9612.

ROM (Royal Ontario Museum): *Dinosaurs Past and Present*, showcases over 150 paintings, large computerized sculptures and illustrations by 28 artists. This is a significant part of the ROM's exceptional happening, Dinosaurs, at the museum until Jan. 2. 100 Queen's Park. 586-5549. (Note: Treasures of the Holy Land, the nearly 200 priceless antiquities chosen from the finest in the Israel Museum and displayed at the ROM, have safely reached their destination and are back in the Israel Museum's galleries and collections).

University Womens Club: *MOSAIC, A Tapestry of Womanhood*, a photographic collection by David S. Eisenberg, reflecting on all types of women. Included are a woman doing laundry on rocks, an operatic virtuoso, a dancer, and a socialite. Because of the focus - reinforcing the diversities, strength and threads that bind women together - Eisenberg is the first man invited to exhibit at the club. 111 St. George St. 530-1655, or 658-9216.

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The Emperor's Panda enchanted play for kids

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Spectacle is the word for *The Emperor's Panda* at Young People's Theatre. It is full of gorgeously hued banners swirling in the wind, ice dragons who breathe out wolves and birds of prey, and marvellous puppets, including what the play says is the world's first panda. Among the puppets is a golden unicorn, with diamond joints, which is absolutely stunning.

Add to this the beautiful costumes and young viewers have enough to keep them enchanted in this production which runs Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 4 p.m. until Nov. 13.

It may be that today's children have a surfeit of mystery and adventure on TV, but if so it did not spoil the rapture with which the children (age 6-10) received the costume designs of John Pennoyer and the lighting of Harry Frehner. *The Emperor's Panda* was adapted by director Peter Moss from the novel by David Day, a Canadian writer now resident in London, England.

The story, which sometimes goes awash in all this color, concerns a young shepherd boy (Robert Lee) who makes a dangerous journey in China through the Enchanted Forest of Bamboo, and into the lair of the Ice Dragon, in search of his uncle (Robert More) who has been tricked by three sorcerers. There is a happy ending.

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Melancholic memoir shows Maynard's narrative skill

By
ARNOLD AGES

Heinrich Heine, the poet laureate of German Jewry once said that writing an autobiography, is "an embarrassing, even impossible task."

That restrictive definition has not prevented Fredelle Bruser Maynard from authoring not one but two autobiographies.

In her latter foray into this genre, *The Tree of Life* (Viking), she shows that while the exercise may be embarrassing, it is more than feasible. From the point of view of style, moreover, Maynard shows that she is a master of narrative skills.

The Tree of Life is both an amplification and continuation of the story she related in Raisons and Almonds. Her current work, however, is deeper, more reflective and — melancholic.

Maynard was raised in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. She was educated at the University of Manitoba and went on to receive a PhD in English literature at Radcliffe, then the women's division of Harvard.

With such a distinguished academic pedigree, one wonders why the word melancholic should be attached to her memoir. The answer lies in the 25 emotionally turbulent years of married life she spent with Max Maynard, a poet and English lecturer she met at the University of Manitoba.

Maynard was the first man in whom Fredelle had ever displayed real interest; he was a refreshing change from the bourgeois Jewish men whom she knew when she was a teenager growing up in Winnipeg. A lackluster life in that city's Jewish community was undoubtedly a factor in her readiness to be courted (and to court) the dashing Max Maynard.

Although Fredelle was raised in a solid Jewish home, her commitment to Jewishness was based on family and ethnic solidarity, not religious conviction. Even so, her marriage to a gentile was a bold step in her life, one that took her parents many years to accept.

While some of the frictions in their married life stemmed from their respective backgrounds, the final rupture, after a quarter of a century, came not from religious or ethnic differences but from Max's alcoholism and character defects — the sad details of which Fredelle provides in a gentle but firm prose style.

After her marriage break-up, she went to a therapist (on her daughter's advice) in order to seek a sounder psychological equilibrium and found her counsellor astonished and incredulous that she had remained married for 25 years.

In reflecting on that period Maynard points out that so much occurred in her life which did not involve Max. She completed her doctorate, raised two daughters, taught English at a New England university, worked as a substitute high school teacher and became an accomplished journalist.

In chronicling that part of her biography Maynard reveals a keen eye for detail, a sense of humor and a delightful ironical style. Although she is a woman who has every right to be angry with the world, she has succeeded in sublimating that frustration and transforming it into something edifying.

Fredelle Bruser Maynard

Her description of Mary Ellen Cann, a young student with whom she came into contact when she taught briefly in high school, is a touching reconstruction of student idealism. In later years Mary Ellen herself became a high school teacher but was ejected from the classroom because of her unconventional methods. Her death (from an untreated miscarriage) was a severe blow for Maynard.

In contrast to this somber story there is many a light moment in the Maynard autobiography. Her career as a journalist for a women's magazine exposed her to the tragicomic underside of American life. At one point Maynard became a ghost writer for Dr. Joyce Brothers, the well known columnist.

This reviewer found the portrait of Mrs. Bruser, Fredelle's mother, to be among the best wrought sketches in a book full of personal reminiscences. In old age she maintained a granitic integrity and an independence of spirit that were admirable.

It was only when Fredelle used a personal argument that she was able to persuade her mother to enter the Sharon Home, a Jewish home for the aged in Winnipeg. When it was discovered that she had a terminal illness, Mrs. Bruser, refused surgical intervention, arguing in that colorful English-Yiddish of hers that she would not hear of such a thing.

The Tree of Life is a wonderful name for Fredelle Maynard's saga because life, like a tree, can be subjected to seismic buffetings which can shake it to its roots. Fredelle Maynard has weathered many storms and sharing the experience of them with her readers is a touching gesture.

Pound's flaws related in insightful biography

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

A Serious Character: The Life of Ezra Pound, by Humphrey Carpenter. Penguin, $60.

Was Ezra Pound mentally deranged? That was the verdict of four eminent American psychiatrists who testified at his trial in 1945 for treason against the United States. Their testimony saved him from a harsher sentence, but sent him to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, the Washington asylum, where the poet was confined for 13 years.

In Italy during the war he ranted against the traitors in the White House and attacked the "Jewish element" behind Roosevelt and Churchill. His rambling anti-American broadcasts included eccentric notions about usury and international finance in which Jews and democracy were held responsible for the world's economic ills. Most of his ideas came from C. H. Douglas, a British engineer, who was the father of the Social Credit theory and movement.

In 1966 an Italian doctor whose medical diagnosis is quoted in the book, decided that Pound suffered from autism, a physical condition that affects the brain and leads to fantasy and insufficient contact with reality.

In any case, Pound was a strange amalgam of egotism, bigotry, exhibitionism, infantilism and viciousness with — at the same time — an undeniable strain in his personality of warmth, wit, and personal loyalty.

As the author points out in this mammoth (almost 1,000 pages) definitive, thoroughly researched, well-written biography, Pound's life falls within a series of compartments: growing up in America (1885-1908), life in London (1908-1920), Paris (1920-1924) — and his Italian residence which ended with his capture by the U.S. army in 1943. Following his release from the asylum Pound returned to Italy, where he died in 1972 in his 87th year.

Pound's anti-semitism can be explained, to some degree, by influences from his childhood and his lifelong paranoia. Carpenter asserts that "on this issue more than anything else he was completely unpredictable, impossible to pin down, delighting in making anti-semitic statements on inappropriate occasions, and equally pleased to annoy anti-semites by saying that he had plenty of Jewish friends. A naughty schoolboy might do as much, and really there seems something essentially childish about his whole interest in Jews and Jewry."

When one remembers what was happening to the Jews of Europe at the time that Pound was engaging in his anti-Jewish diatribes, one can only regard him as deranged.

There is no question that he had a strong and lasting influence on the technique and form of modern verse. He was a trenchant critic and a splendid translator from a number of languages, including the Chinese. He was a superb teacher who encouraged a number of writers who in time became famous in their own right — T. S. Eliot, W. B. Yeats, William Carlos Williams and Wyndham Lewis.

Will his prove to be an enduring poetic voice? Only time will tell. His major work over many years was the elaborate *Cantos*, unintelligible to most readers. Even his friend T. S. Eliot spoke of this esoteric mishmash as arid and depressing.

Carpenter is one of the most competent biographers of our age. His book is sprightly written, filled with anecdote and humor, with depictions of the prime personalities of the time and with insights and interpretations of Pound's prose and poetry. The poet's life was more tragedy than triumph and now we have it in all of its fullness to understand and ponder.

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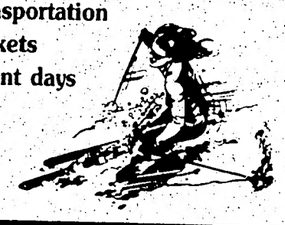

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Scottish theme prevalent

Chang gives life to basic black

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Traditional plaids in exciting new colors and bold interplays of print on print are just some of the surprises in Canadian designer Simon Chang's fall 1988 collection.

A three tiered dirndl skirt featuring a different red, white, royal blue and green plaid in each tier paired with a red-and-white bulky knit sweater was just one outfit that delighted shoppers at a recent instore Chang fashion show at Bretton's Promenade store.

Chang extended the Scottish theme to include a cowboy shirt, front pleated trousers, an oversize shawl and a blazer. As he mixes plaid with plaid, his tartan grouping can be quite versatile because a woman can wear a shawl or shirt with a different plaid skirt or pants.

Pant lovers will be happy to note that slacks play a large part in Chang's collection. This year they're full at the waist and hips, have a pleated front and narrow legs. Also important are short, wide and cropped pants with button details.

Black is the focal point of many of Chang's creations but his eclectic sense of color is reflected in accents of lipstick red, jewel blue and different shades of rust.

A black-and-white dress with a frilled bottom teamed with one of Chang's red feathered hats is an excellent example of how he uses vibrant colors to liven up basic black.

Rust also accents black. A rust-and-black long jacket and short, straight rust skirt can be worn to work and then spiced up for evening by donning Chang's red beret with long red feather.

A black, double-breasted coat dress with a lipstick red trim down the front and cuffs is simple enough for the office yet elegant enough to wear on into the evening.

What Chang is really trying to tell consumers is there are no rules. Skirt lengths range from mid calf to above the knee, jackets are long or bomber style, dresses are frilly or plain and stripes are paired with checks.

Fairly typical of his attitude is a long flared black-and-white paisley skirt paired with a black-and-white check skirt and accented with a vivid red long, straight jacket.

Accessories play an essential role in Chang's lines and each season he designs his own scarves, belts, hats and gloves. A simple black, straight dress looked like a different creation when adorned with a multi-colored silk scarf, wide leather belt and topped with a wool, feathered beret. Daywear can almost become evening wear dress by adding a veiled cocktail hat, tortoise belt and fox stole.

For the holiday season, glitter is the main word. A gold-and-black glittered sweater with a short straight black skirt or a silver-and-black 3-tiered skirt with a black-and-silver sweater can be worn to the most elegant party.

This ensemble of tunic and harem pants is from Simon Chang's holiday line.

Simon Change teams a double-breasted plaid jacket with leather-trimmed pants.

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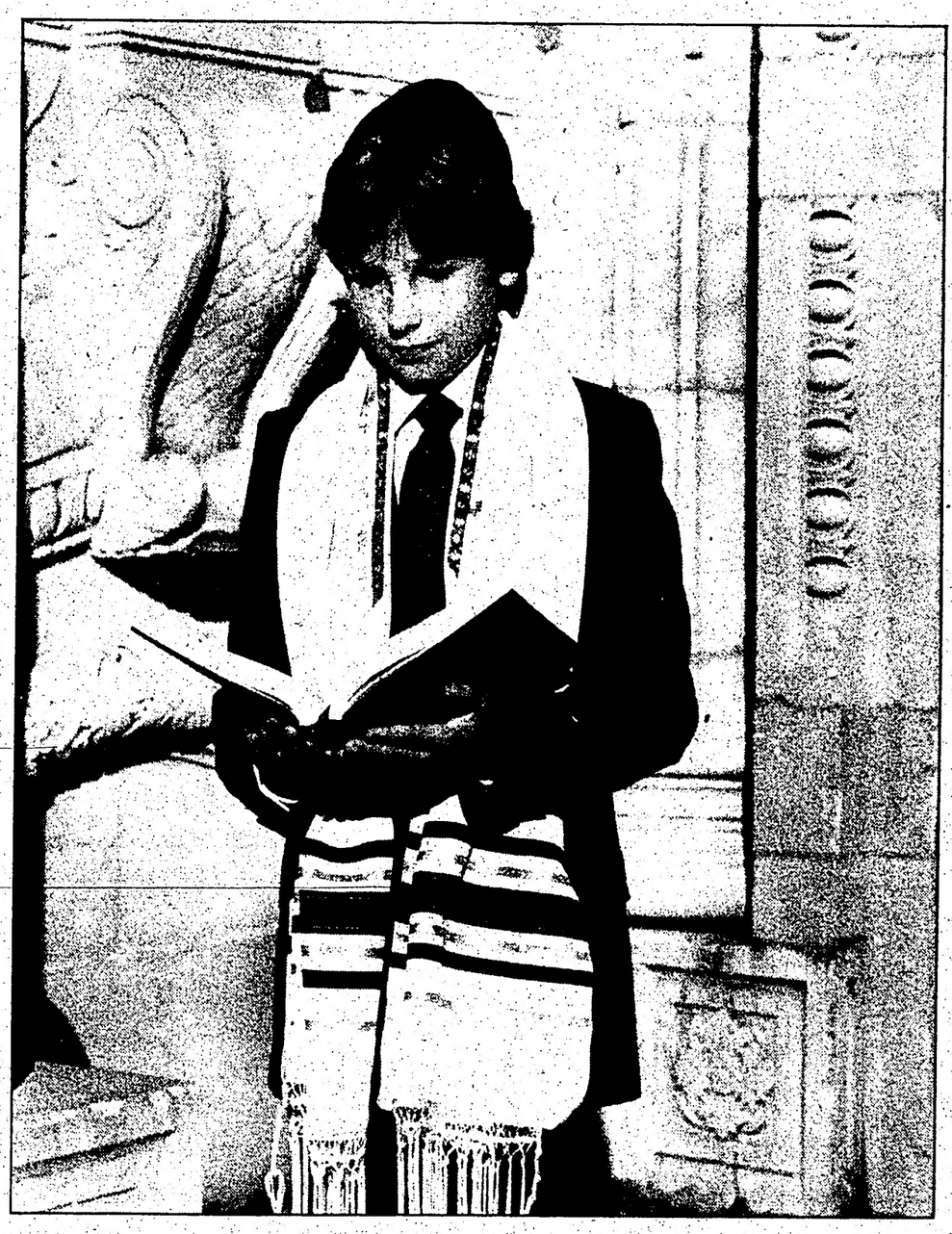

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Fashion

Business success suits Ben Freedman's fine style

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Ben Freedman is more than just a talented, successful men's wear retailer.

His elegantly appointed store called Raffini — Italian for refinement — is located downtown, just a short walk from Metro Convention Centre. Many Americans or other travellers stop in to browse, and Freedman is often one of the first Torontonians with whom they come in contact.

This is lucky for them, and also lucky for the City of Toronto, as Freedman's effusive warmth and charm makes him a goodwill ambassador par excellence.

Stepping into Raffini's Front St. W. address, tastefully decorated with green-stained wood, marble, brass, and high-tech lighting, you are greeted with casual indifference by Sheba, Freedman's chow dog, who stretches languidly across the floor, neither bothered by or especially interested in your presence.

But Freedman is interested — you can tell as he shakes your hand and looks into your eyes with the keen, appraising stare of a practiced observer who loves people. And you recognize quickly that his friendliness isn't just a mercenary act to inspire spending — this is a man who enjoys life and takes genuine pleasure in providing a level of service that goes beyond all expectations.

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"If there's one thing I didn't want to do with my life, it was to end up in the men's clothing business," Freedman said.

But with six generations of his family preceding him in what they simply refer to as "the business," it was almost pre-ordained that that was just where he would end up.

His "calling" was writing — it was a passion throughout high school and university — and he began his career as a "hotshot reporter," later moving up to editor and columnist with several weekly papers.

His spare time was spent writing a novel, a story about a Jewish reporter and a Gentile girl, with themes of newspaper politics and religious intolerance.

In a situation that strangely mirrored a part of the book, Freedman was fired from his job, and, disillusioned by "the very traumatic experience," went to work for his brother Jack, the well-known proprietor of the Playboy Shop in the Jane St. and Wilson Ave. area.

Jack, a respected figure in men's wear who was a contemporary of Harry Rosen and Johnny Shapiro, died tragically in a fire a few years ago.

Ben started as a salesmen and became a partner a few years later, as Jack recognized he was too valuable to the store's success to let slip away.

As the years went by, Ben's idea of the ideal men's wear store evolved and defined itself, and, seeking a new challenge, he created Raffini, a showcase for fine men's clothing.

He chose the Front St.

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Raffini offers an eclectic assortment of fine men's wear. Flanking Sheba are owner Ben Freedman and his fiancee Brenda McChesney. (Rough Layout photo)

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Retailer emphasizes service to his clients

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location as it is "going to be the new centre of Toronto."

Within walking distance of the Dome, Roy Thomson Hall, the recently approved CBC office and shopping complex and the always-occupied Metro Toronto Convention Centre, it's definitely a happening area.

Raffini sells "intelligent, fashionable clothes for the many men who are tired of being regimented."

While a variety of suits by Hugo Boss, Baumler, Reporter, Perry Ellis and other quality manufacturers are available, accessories, activewear and leisurewear — including a growing Raffini line — are the stars of the store.

While the clothes are important, the main emphasis is on service — knowing what is suited to each customer, educating them to help them to look their best, and developing a trusting relationship.

"I can make a man look more unique, more unified, more as a whole. That's a talent I'm proud of."

With many professional men far too busy to spend time shopping around from this store to that, piecing together an outfit, the head-to-toe service that Raffini and other stores with vision offer is in growing demand.

Freedman goes the extra mile, offering lifetime free alterations, delivering suits himself and making special orders for out-of-stock items. Service is not a frill, it's an essential part of the business, and Freedman can't understand stores that neglect it.

"The clothing business is being ruined by a number of retailers with bad attitudes. Sales are starting as soon as the season. If they're selling clothes for 50-60-70% off at the start of the season, then what kind of margins do they have? Who's kidding who?

"My father and my brothers spent their lives doing this. What direction are we heading in? This isn't just a business for money, we're performing a valid service, a needed service, and it bothers me that some people are ruining the image of the profession. We can't lose the trust of the customer. The customer is what makes this thing work."

Freedman would like to see a men's wear retail association formed so members could get together and discuss these kinds of issues, and if not come to agreement, at least raise their consciousnesses.

At age 45, the philosophical Freedman seems to be entering his prime.

The Playboy Shop is no longer — "the era of the playboy is dead" — and the store has recently been renovated and reopened as the second Raffini.

Activewear components continue to be added to the Raffini line, and they bespeak the same level of quality as the rest of the merchandise.

But more than his professional success, Freedman is happy personally.

"I am just about to embark on a new marriage with a beautiful woman," he said, and the object of his obvious affection, Brenda, shares his openness, friendliness and lust for life.

For someone who ended up doing the last thing he wanted to do, Ben Freedman is a pretty happy guy.

"I'm proud of my accomplishments in the clothing business. I don't feel I'm a bigshot or anybody big, but I love meeting people, I enjoy my work and I love to create and refine ideas."

Bigshot is a relative term, interpreted differently by different people. Ben Freedman is that rare combination — a big heart and a small ego — and if you ask his customers, you could bet they'll tell you he's a bigshot.

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The fashion industry's Judy Awards were presented Halloween night at the Metro Convention Centre.

The event, which was co-sponsored by the Ontario Fashion Exhibitors and the State of Israel Bonds, Fashion Division, paid tribute to retailers, shopping centres and media.

Jerry Tollinsky, spokesman for both groups, made a presentation to Janice Marshall-O'Bright and Paul Lindzon, whom he said made the evening possible.

The OFE's Kevin Silver and Karyn O'Neill presented awards to the city of Toronto and its Fashion Industry Liaison Committee, which were accepted by Mayor Art Eggleton and Ald. Dale Martin, respectively, for their ongoing support.

A 7-member committee adjudicated submissions.

The winners were: Green River Clothiers Ltd. (small chain); Braemar (major chain); Little Lords Little Ladies (southwestern Ontario independent); Creations by ginni-li ltd. (northeastern Ontario independent); Lagers (Metro Toronto independent); Mr. Leonard (manufacturing excellence); Sherway Gardens (shopping centre); The Hamilton Spectator (Ontario newspaper); The Toronto Sun (Metro Toronto newspaper); Flare (magazine) and CityTV's FashionTelevision (television).

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Fashion

"No feeling like being on top in your field"

Sassoon reminisces about his career in hair care

By
VIVIEN SHARON

Vidal Sassoon at 60 is a man in his prime. He is tanned, lean, fit and a natural charmer. He could easily pass for 45.

In Toronto recently as the guest of honor at the annual tribute dinner sponsored by the Association for Soldiers in Israel, Sassoon reflected on his stellar career in the field of hairstyling.

"There is no feeling like being on top in your field where your creative juices flow," said Sassoon, drinking Perrier with ice in a VIP suite at the Constellation Hotel. "There is a high-kick level in the fashion and beauty business that is unparalleled."

Seventeen years ago, Sassoon decided to drop his scissors while still on top.

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The May 1983 acquisition of Vidal Sassoon, Inc., with its sales in excess of $110 million, by Richardson-Vicks was the largest acquisition in its history. In 1985 the company was acquired by Procter & Gamble.

Today, as spokesman for Vidal Sassoon, Inc., his main function is to appear throughout the world as its leading exponent. He is also the founder and president of The Vidal Sassoon Foundation which enables him to pursue his philanthropic interests worldwide.

Vidal Sassoon

London-born Sassoon first rocked the fashion world in the early 60s when he snipped the black hair of his favorite model, Nancy Kwan, into a geometrical bob. He was 30 at the time and owned his first salon on Bond St.

His classic Sassoon cut with its meticulous shape freed women from the tedious routine of setting, teasing and lacquering their tresses.

"Wash and wear hair was the hardest look to achieve. One had to take into account a whole sense of geometry, bone, body structure and hair movement. The look had to flow.

"Women in the 60s were finding the voice of freedom. It didn't just stop at the larynx," said Sassoon, a father of four, who lives in Los Angeles with his second wife, Jeanette.

"During that era, women eschewed red lacquer, backcombing, bras and girdles. They were becoming presidents and prime ministers. Women had no time to go to the salon three times a week. Stiff hair had nothing to do with the feeling of the times."

Sassoon, who has 16 salons which bear his name in England, Germany, Canada, and the U.S., owns none of them. He sold the shops years ago on a leverage buy-out basis to his three top employee associates, Christopher Brooker, Annie Humphries and Phillip Rogers.

Sassoon started hairdressing at the age 14.

"I was a good shampoo boy," he confided. "I wasn't any brighter than anyone else. I don't believe in genius, only high energy level."

To maintain a feeling of well-being today, Sassoon follows a healthy regimen of fruit, vegetables, beans, grains and rice. He is not a vegetarian, yet he is careful of his intake. He swims three times a week and takes vitamins daily.

Perm problem

In the early days, Sassoon remembers working 14-hour days as an apprentice, applying techniques for creating waves, perms and tints that, by today's standards, would seem archaic.

He told of one scary incident that still haunts him.

It was in 1942 during the war. A sign outside the salon read: Perm At Your Own Risk. One woman who was determined to look like Rita Hayworth from the movie Gilda came in asking to have a perm, he said.

"In those days it was a long, uncomfortable procedure. During the application there was an air raid and I forgot to turn off the machine. She was left with only one inch of hair. Fortunately she had a wonderful sense of humor.

"In those days we worked under trying circumstances, with inferior chemicals. But in England and Europe in general, hairdressing was always considered a serious artform. When I arrived in New York in 1961, a hairdresser was branded as gay or a looney."

Leaning back on the sofa, his hands clasped, his eyes fixed ahead, Sassoon reminisced his "aim was to give my craft credibility . . . to raise its standards . . . to be a good designer. It takes practice, just like piano. To be good you have to practice 16 hours a day."

Although he misses the "cloud 9" rush that he once felt at the zenith of his styling career, he revels in the high cerebral quality that exists in the field today.

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With all its amenities, in and out of the water, the historic St. Johns River "steals the show" as Jacksonville's major drawing card. Attracting both tourists and local residents, the recently opened Riverwalk combines with Metropolitan Park to provide an oasis of recreation in the midst of the city. Spring and summer festivities include concerts, festivals and gala events, which promise to be the centre of fun along the St. Johns' banks.

A new, authentic paddle-style riverboat called the Old Hickory and the Annabelle Lee paddleboat make ripples up and down those famous waters — hosting parties, dinners, tours and good times.

Culture with a touch of the unusual comes to Jacksonville in many shapes and forms at the Jacksonville Museum of Arts and Sciences located on scenic Gulf Life Drive. Fascinating and educational to all ages, these rotating exhibits feature everything from arts and crafts to animals. The adjoining planetarium will mystify you with its awesome "Star Show" and "Cosmic Concerts" shown daily.

Just minutes from big city sophistication is vibrant Jacksonville Beach where lines of modern hotels are still interupted by rustic old beach cottages that have seen many summers along the glittering surf.

Then catch the colorful hues along forest lined highways as you escape crowded turmoil with a scenic drive to Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island. The Centre Street District, with its shop-lined walks and renovated marina boasting expanded boat slips and full-service facilities, will leave little time for boredom.

Shoppers can explore Sadler Square and its modern shops in a pleasing, natural setting. Inland Walk at 14th Street and Sadler Road will entice you with whimsical stores and tempting eateries.

Recreation awaits at historic Fort Clinch State Park on the north end of Amelia Island. This island's expansive southern beaches are among the best anywhere for sunning, beachcombing and horseback riding.

In St. Augustine, America's oldest city, preservation efforts are a mainstay . . . and what's old is what's new. Here you can meander down brick-paved streets bordered by centuries-old structures which serve as today's curio shops and restaurants. A fresh blend of past and present exists in downtown St. Augustine, with phase one of the St. Augustine Fiesta Complex just completed.

One dozen stores and shops adorn 60,000 square feet of space with the majestic Bridge of Lions and the bayfront as a backdrop. The second phase of this project will introduce additional shopping, dining, and entertainment opportunities, as buildings of the past are restored and utilized in the present.

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Tourism shows decline

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Tourism to Israel declined 13% in the first nine months of 1988, compared to the same period of the previous year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported last week.

It has increased slightly in the past three months, compared to the April-July level, but is still running 20% below the same 3-month period of 1987.

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Travel

Points of departure in Florida

Choices for cruise vacations abound

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI —

This famous holiday destination is now the greatest port in the world to find cruise ships, with a port terminal which can handle 14 cruise ships at a time.

And if this does not give you enough choice, nearby Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale is used by 20 cruise lines, operating out of six ultra-modern terminals.

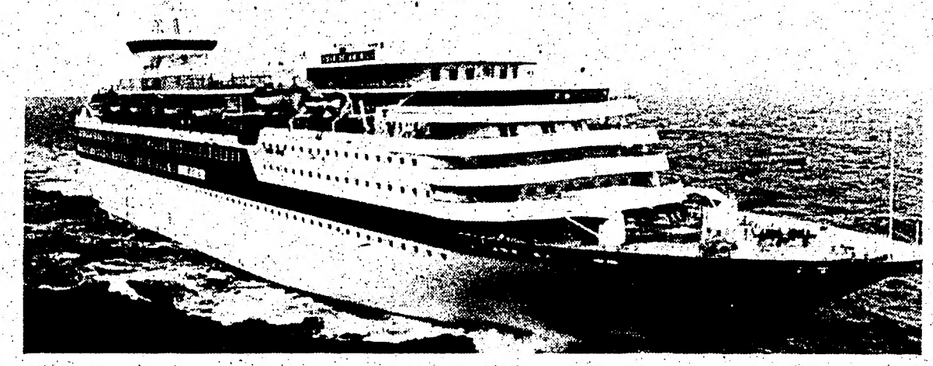
Also on the Atlantic coast you will find that Jacksonville, in the north of Florida, is a port for 7-day cruises down the Florida coast.

Should you be vacationing on the west coast of Florida and want to take a cruise, the port of Tampa also is used by a number of cruise ships each winter.

Cruise vacations have become probably the fastest growing segment of the holiday industry. More cruise ships are being built in northern European ports and more former trans-Atlantic steamers are still being renovated to travel to warm climates in winter and to northern climates in Europe and North America in summer.

So if you are thinking of one of those holidays where you can visit a number of countries without having to change hotels every few days, consider a cruise where the ship is your hotel and you reach new destinations frequently.

Most cruises from Miami and the Fort Lauderdale area are for seven days to the nearby Caribbean islands and leave on Fridays and Saturdays. Included in these week-long ship vacations are such islands as Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and St. Maarten, or Jamaica, Cayman Islands and destinations in Mexico on the Gulf of Mexico.



One of the larger and newer cruise ships operating out of the Miami area is the 37,000-ton Song of America, which makes 7-day trips all winter to Caribbean destinations.

There are also 10-day cruises to such additional Caribbean destinations as Grenada, Bahamas, Barbados and the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe.

From Tampa one cruise line (Holland-America) makes weekly sailings this fall to Mexican ports, Jamaica and Cayman Islands.

There are ships of all sizes and a wide range of prices, depending on accommodation requested. Included from Miami terminals are some of the largest of the cruise ships, Sovereign of the Seas, Song of America, and Rotterdam. Prices for most 7-day cruises from the Miami and Fort Lauderdale area ports are upwards of $1,250 U.S. A few ship lines are offering to take Canadian dollars at par for the fare, and some include air transportation from Canadian cities.

For destinations further afield a few ships out of Fort Lauderdale will this winter have destinations on the Pacific coast using the Panama Canal. One of these is the Cunard Princess which makes a 7-day trip from Fort Lauderdale to Panama and from the Pacific coast Puerto Caldera near Balboa, Panama, to Fort Lauderdale.

The popular cruises in the Caribbean area usually have first class entertainment with personalities from screen, television and stage. There are all kinds of leisure activities, from outdoor exercises on deck to gambling casinos. First run movies, name dance bands, fitness gymnasiums and swimming pools are found on many of the cruise ships.

Bars are everywhere for alcoholic beverages are tax free on shipboard. Most ships have small boutiques featuring fashion clothing as well as jewelry.

You can eat almost all the time on ship, for in addition to the three gourmet meals, every day sees extra food served about 11 a.m., 4 o'clock tea, poolside snacks and usually there is food at midnight. Forget about diets when taking a cruise vacation.

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Circular staircase in foyer

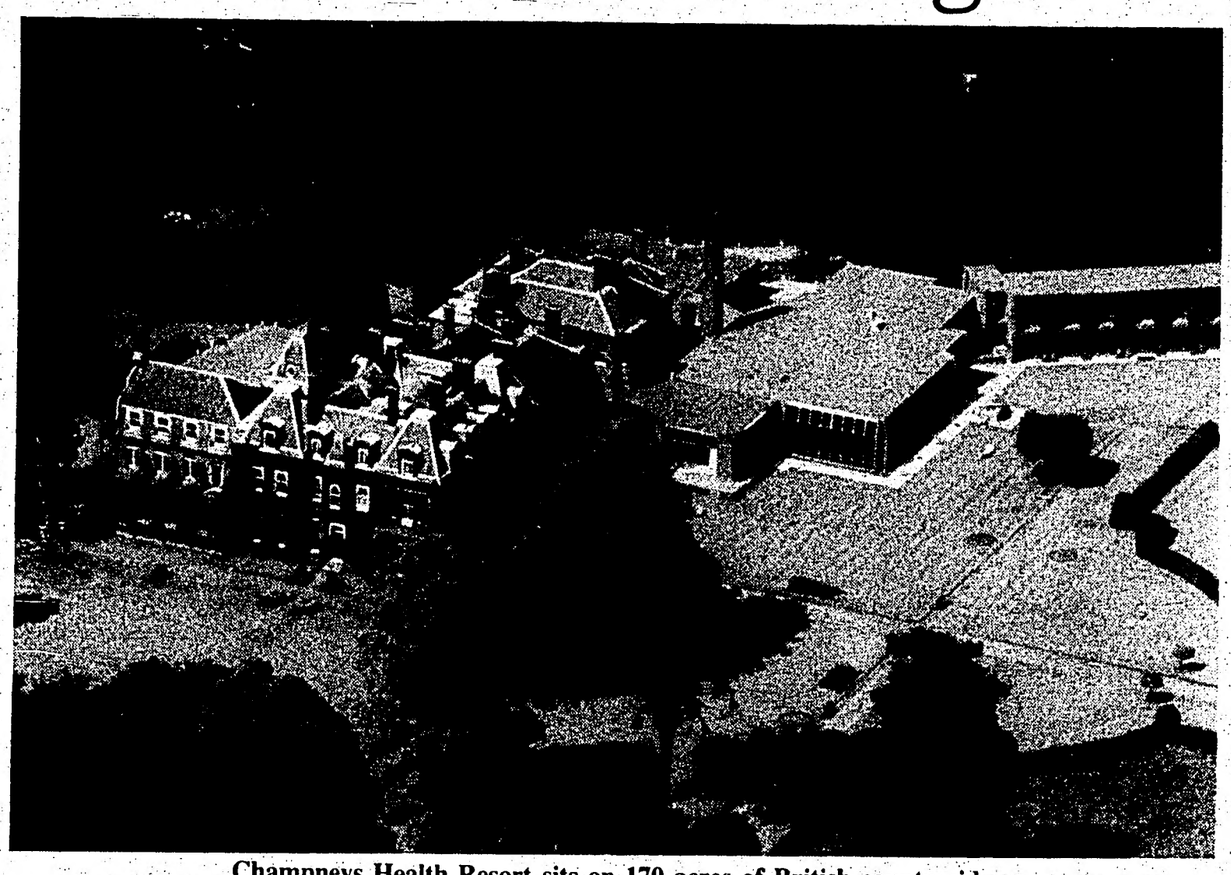
Resort offers a taste of old England

By BARBARA KINGSTONE

TRING, England — Champneys Health Resort here is just 30 minutes by train or car from London — but a world apart.

The stunning old mansion sits on 170 acres of what looks like smooth green velvet parkland with manicured trees and a profusion of colorful flowers. The estate dates back to 1921 and, even though additions have been built, there is still the elegant ambience of the grandeur from the past.

When I registered, it was mid-morning and a few guests were heading for the drawing room for liquid refreshments — herbal tea, decafinated coffee, fruit juice, soda-water boullion and hot lemon water — after their first treatment or early morning exercise class.



Champneys Health Resort sits on 170 acres of British countryside.

This room seemed to be the meeting place and where I soon discovered that groups had set up evening activities of bridge or backgammon.

The high ceilings are trimmed in heavy gold and white moulding, the doors are hand-polished fruit wood, there's a fireplace — a fire is often burning — and the room is filled with beautiful, period English furniture and heavy-roped held drapes. Even the colors are quiet — sea-foam green and pink. All this befits the mansion which was once owned by a Rothchild.

The foyer with its circular stairwell and brass trimmings was being sprayed and wiped by an earnest cleaning woman while I waited for my room to be readied.

The first person I met, decked out in what is the gear for both day and night — a sweat suit — was Londoner Mihir Bose, who had come to lose weight before a visit to his sister in Toronto. He had been here before and laughingly referred to Champneys as "a high class marriage bureau." Could be. The percentages are good — 60% women to 40% men which is a lot higher than most spas.

However, I found that most of the guests to be serious about losing inches rather than gaining companionship. And everyone seemed intent about fitting in as many exercise classes and treatments as possible during the day. After all, Champneys doesn't come cheap and getting your money's worth is part of the package.

After checking into my spotless and pretty room overlooking the tennis courts, I was checked up by the sister (as nurses are called in England). After a series of questions regarding my health, we decided on a diet. The choices vary but changes can be made during the stay. The dining area is divided into two. Those who wish to stay on 500 calories a day are not tempted by the delicious food on the other side of the screen. And it's difficult to cheat unless of course you came with a stash of chocolate hidden in your suitcase.

The other section of this solarium-enclosed dining area is for those who have opted for 1,000 calories or more. (Yes, there are some guests who come to get fattened up.)

It's here in the dining room that you have the chance to meet and speak with the other guests — all with the common determination to lose weight and redefine their lifestyle.

Activities are varied as is the level of exertion. The daily schedule is hung on a hook outside your room. Exercise classes start early. There are classes in stretching classes and yoga as well as a fully equipped gym and a gym with David equipment, a pool. One can also choose to hike through the beautiful English countryside or, if you can find a partner, there are squash courts.

Depending on the schedule, the day treatments include heat — either steam or sauna — and a massage. For an extra charge, there's aromatheraphy, facials, physiotherapy, paraffin wax, manicure, pedicure and hairdressing.

The qualified staff of estheticians are trained at Champneys International College of Health and Beauty just down the drive near the entrance of the estate. The graduates are in demand all over the world and they are good. They should be — the price for the 11-month course is $10,000.

Champneys also offers a 7-day residential course for 10 called The Heartplan. It is a multidisciplinary approach to the management of cardiac patients with discussions and workshops.

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Travel

Each unit has kitchenette

Small hotel a true find in Portugal

By
BARBARA KINGSTONE

ESTORIL, Portugal — Not having been to Portugal for more than 24 years, I hadn't anticipated the treat in store for me as I unbuckled my TAP Portugese Airline seat belt. I discovered that this small country may be the best kept secret in the world for tourists.

Upon my arrival, I immediately left Lisbon's airport for the short 20-minute drive to Estoril, one of the rare cities that can boast of beauty and history.

In recent years, it's become the stomping ground of dethroned royalty. Naturally as crowns and tiaras fell to the dust in their native land, these former royals packed their bijoux and exiled themselves to this wondrous Portugese city. And as would follow in a colorful, picturesque area that boasts sandy beaches and a regal casino, living has become more expensive there than in most of the other parts of Portugal. But with a little research, there are still bargains to be found in this charming old-fashioned playground.

One of the latest additions is a small and airy white stucco building nestled on Monte Estoril, an upper-middle class residential area overlooking the sea. Clube Mimosa was just putting the finishing touches to the landscaping while I was there. And, for anyone interested in travelling to a country which has kept its individual character, this without getting caught up in the glitz of modern consumerism, a 59-room hotel is a find.

Each unit comes with a small modern kitchenette, filled with glistening glass goblets, white china, a few shiny pots and pans, and Italian-styled flatware. It's compact enough not to become a constant reminder that you must eat in. Since prices in are still quite inexpensive, this small section is perfect for breakfast and coffee breaks.

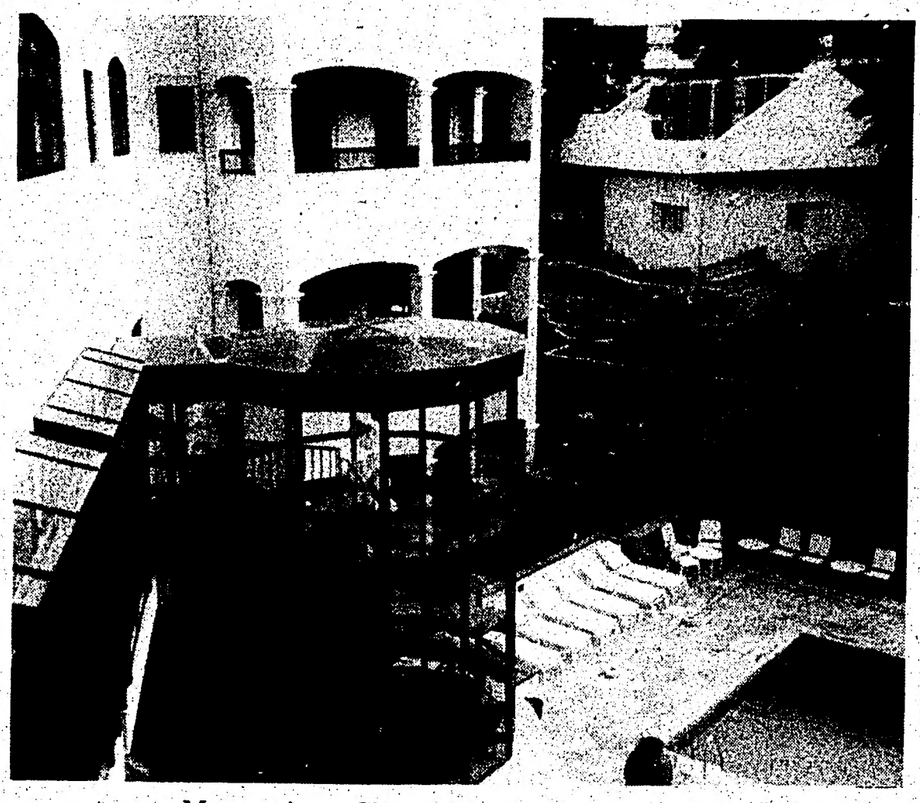
The decor looks as though it was lifted from the latest Italian home decor magazine. The blue-and-white patterns mix beautifully with the shiny blue enamelled wood furniture.

The unit I stayed in had a balcony complete with outdoor furniture overlooking a large pool, garden and well kept tennis courts.

Downstairs is an indoor pool as well as a fitness centre with sauna, squash courts, fully-equipped gym and classes given by professionals.

Fifty percent of Clube Mimosa is British-owned and the other half by Portugese backers. And as more and more foreign currency and ownership enter this lush area, the international jet setters are coming to bask in the sun, try to spot former royals and get away from the touristy Algarve coast.

A good indication is that since Clube Mimosa opened in March 1988, the occupancy is verging on 75% — any hotelier's dream.



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Improved facilities beckon

Vermont's ski season nears

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

STOWE, VT. —

The ski season starts officially here on the United States Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 22 to 27. This popular resort area has improved its skiing facilities with cross-country trail widening, adding new trail grooming vehicles and additional snowmaking guns for the times when Nature does not supply enough snow.

Similar improvements in the ski facilities have been made in recent months throughout the state, closest to eastern Canadian skiers. At Smugglers' Notch, for example, six more trails have been opened, a new 103-room luxury inn has been opened at Killington, at Mount Snow a double chairlift has been changed to a triple seat lift, and at Stratton Mountain a new high-speed 12-passenger gondola lift has been installed, believed to be the first of its kind in North America.

Vermont has more than 840 ski trails through its mountainous area and 124 ski lifts to take skiers to mountain tops and high slopes for downhill skiing. There are more than 1,000 ski instructors at 18 ski schools, and there are all types of accommodations in all prices for weekend and longer ski holidays, with plenty of after-ski entertainment places.

While most skiers come to Vermont locations on the weekends, singly, in couples or with families, the state's resorts have specially priced midweek package rates including accommodations, ski lift fees, and other benefits. Some of the midweek packages are 40% less than the usual weekend or regular daily rates. Midweek entertainment, when you have had enough skiing, includes sleigh rides, ski races, musical and dance entertainment and even fireworks.

The calendar for this winter, besides the skiing, includes local craft shows in November, a show of the newest in ski equipment at Stowe on Dec. 26, an opera production of Hansel and Gretel at Woodstock Dec. 2 and 3, ski race training at Mount Snow from Dec. 5 to 9, Men's Giant Slalom Ski race at Stowe Dec. 7 and 8, and a Senior Ski Week for those over 50 years at Mount Snow, Dec. 12 to 16.

At Jay Peak Junior Learn To Ski programs begin on Jan. 14. Alpine Cup Recreational Races will be held at Killington on Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and March 4, at Burke Mountain there is to be a Dance Contest on Jan. 15, and at Craftsbury Common a Winter Carnival is slated for Jan. 20 and 21. The busy calendar continues to late March throughout Vermount.

Jay Peak, which is close to the Quebec border with Montreal less than 90 minutes away by highway and a seven hour highway-trip from Toronto, has reciprocal ski week packages and season lift passes with two Montreal-vicinity resorts, Mont St. Sauveur and Mont Avila. Jay Peak has a 60-passenger enclosed gondola ski lift, and its cafeteria cashiers accept Canadian funds, maintaining a separate cash drawer for Canadian currency.

This season, in addition to other improvements, this ski resort offers free child care from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for parents using the slopes. There are over 50 miles of trails at Jay Peak covering 35 trails over two mountains.

While downhill skiing is the major attraction in Vermont, cross-country skiing is increasingly popular. The state claims to have the longest cross-country trail on the continent at Hazen's Notch, a 280 mile trail near the ridgeline of the snow covered Green Mountains.

Surfside plans Salute to Canada Week March 5-11

SURFSIDE, Fla. —

The Salute to Canada Week, March 5-11, at this south Florida community, will feature a variety of sports and entertainment events.

Sports tournaments slated include golf, tennis, shuffleboard and ping pong. There are musical shows four nights plus a dance honoring the Beauty Pageant contestants. Some 25 contestants will compete in the Pageant to be judged by Canadian and Miami media members.

Hotels in this oceanside town have invested heavily in refurbishing their properties, according to a release from the Surfside Tourist Board.

The major projects were at the Palms, Beekman and Coronado hotels.

"All indications point to a bright business outlook for the winter, especially coming off a blockbuster summer season," said Tourist Board Chairman Arthur Frischman.

Canadians in Quebec and Ontario can now call 1-800-633-7712 toll free for tourist imformation. The line was installed by the Surfside Tourist Board.

Honorary ambassadors to boost Israel tourism

TORONTO —

Operation Solidarity, a program designed to build tourism from Canada to Israel, will see 100 Canadians from coast to coast be selected and certified as honorary ambassadors of Israeli tourism for a 3-year term, says a release from B'nai B'rith.

The honorary ambassadors will travel to Israel Dec. 7 for a week of training and induction. Applications for the positions have been pouring in and will continue to be accepted by B'nai B'rith, 15 Hove St. Downsview, Ont. M3H 4Y8, until Nov. 15, B'nai B'rith stated.

Those chosen are required to guarantee a minimum of 15 travel bookings in the next six months. In addition, their duties will include community liaison to promote travel to Israel. Only adults who are active members of recognized Jewish organizations and synagogues will be considered.

Operation Solidarity is being coordinated by B'nai B'rith Canada under the direction of BB executive vice-president Frank Dimant. El Al's Canadian director Rehavia Ben-Shach and Peter Golick, chief executive officer of Operation Independence, are the driving force behind the program.

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Business Outlook

Computerized registry

Device keeps tabs on pets

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO—
Losing your pet can be a very painful and traumatic experience.

Every year, thousands of pets in Canada go astray or are stolen. More than 70 per cent of these missing animals are never found.

A revolutionary animal identification and recovery system, conceived 10 years ago in the United States and thoroughly tested for years, has been developed by Infopet Systems Inc. The new system, which is painless, simple and fast, will help pets and their owners beat the odds.

The high-tech computerized system requires a procedure that is as simple as a routine vaccination and costs only pennies a day, says Jack Greenberg, chairman and chief executive officer of Infopet Systems.

He explains that a veterinarian implants a small microchip, the size of a grain of rice, under the skin of the animal. The microchip is encoded with a unique 10 digit alpha-numeric code.

With an electromagnetic scanner which activates the microchip to emit the code number, Infopet's computerized registry provides detailed information including the owner's name, address, phone number and, of great importance, the date of the animal's last rabies shots. In addition, it provides the name and address of the animal's veterinarian.

Greenberg says that animal control agencies, veterinarians and humane societies are equipped with the electromagnetic scanners and by calling the Infopet toll-free telephone hotline (1-800-INFOPET), in less than five seconds, the registry retrieves the animal's ownership information. A second telephone call quickly reunites the owner and the pet.

Infopet operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The hotline also provides pet owners with information that is standardized across North America on the identification and recovery system.

Greenberg, the prime motivating force in Infopet Systems, is a graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. He has practiced law for 11 years, primarily in the fields of business law and organizations, leveraged buy-outs and acquisitions and tax shelters.

Jack Greenberg developed a system of reuniting lost pets and owners.

"As well as reuniting owners and lost pets—cats, birds, mice, guinea pigs, reptiles and fish have been implanted—the Infopet identification system is being used to prevent fraud and theft of animals such as cattle and racehorses that can be worth millions of dollars."

Greenberg emphasizes that the microchip is completely safe, produces no side effects and has a projected lifespan of 25 years. It cannot be lost or erased and will not wear out.

With one phone call to the Infopet hotline, the information can be updated on the computer without altering the microchip.

The permanent one-time implementation procedure costs $40. This includes the microchip, the veterinarian's fee and the first year's service. After the first year, there is a yearly renewal charge of $11 to update and maintain information on the system.

"Current methods of animal identification, such as nose prints, tags, tattoos and vague descriptions are unreliable and provide a false sense of security," Greenberg said.

"We see the system as our commitment to responsible pet ownership. Infopet's new unique identification system provides peace of mind to pet owners and people involved in animal care and control because they know once an animal is on the Infopet system, it is never really very far away from home."

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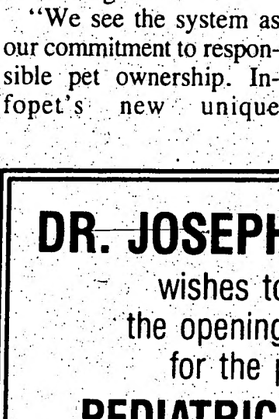
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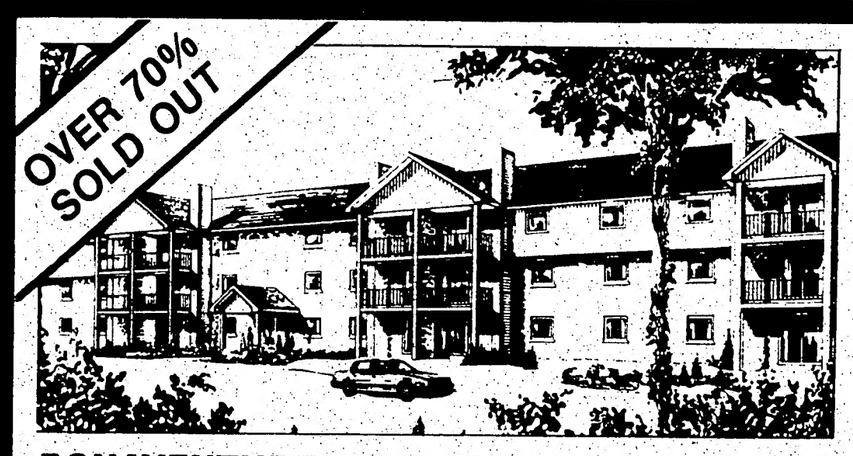

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Winnipeg family business expands its premises

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Elman's Fine Foods Ltd. has officially opened its new 2,000-square-foot processing plant in North Winnipeg.

Until recently the 45-year-old family-run business has been processing its horseradish, hot mustard, pickles and other products in a 1,200-square-foot structure behind the family home and renting storage space at Winnipeg Cold Storage. (The products carry the WK kosher certification.)

Elman's (the name is a shortened version of Finkleman) Fine Foods was started in the Finkleman family basement by clothing-store employee Samuel Finkleman during the war.

"Dad saw a man going door-to-door selling horseradish by the cup out of a pail," recalled Manny Finkleman who now is the company's president and general manager. "That gave him the idea."

Every Jewish family at that time made its own horseradish. Sam Finkleman's idea was to bottle the horseradish his family usually made for itself and sell it.

"In those days, you could get away with using any kind of bottle and any size," the younger Finkleman said.

In any case, the elder Finkleman prepared several bottles of the family horseradish and took them to a butcher shop. They sold out immediately and Finkleman got a call from the butcher for more the very next day.

"Dad could see the possibilities. We started making three or four dozen bottles a day in the basement. Dad thought it was great. My mother, Sarah, and my sister, Dorothy, made the horseradish during the day while my father went to work in the clothing store."

For labels, Finkleman used kraft sticky paper. He called his product Finkleman's Horseradish, a name he stamped on the sticky paper.

The younger Finkleman joined the business after returning home from the war. He started buying some equipment and talked his father into shortening the name of the product to Elman's to make it more commercially pleasing. It was only then that the Finklemans started using proper labels, a necessary requirement for selling to the bigger stores.

Horseradish remained Elman's sole product for many years. In the mid-1960s, the company branched out into hot mustard and canned herring. Today, it also produces barbecue sauce and crushed garlic.

For years, Elman's distributed pickles for other processors. About three or four years ago, however, the company began making its own pickles.

Although Elman's Fine Foods has been operating out of its new building since the summer, the official opening was Nov. 1. The building cost close to $300,000 to build, $50,000 of which has been promised by the Western Diversification Fund.

Although Finkleman has shipped the odd parcel to parts of the United States in response to individuals who have tried Elman's products and have placed orders, the new building makes it possible for him to expand his western Canadian base.

Salad dressing firm wins business award

TORONTO —
A company that started when Renee Unger bowed to the wishes of her friends and marketed her own kitchen-made salad dressings has won the gold medal in the Small Business category of the 1988 Canada Awards for Business Excellence.

Intercorps Foods also won the silver medal in the Entrepreneur division, being the only company that made it to the finals in more than one category.

Unger says she now is taking steps to have many of the company's products under kosher supervision.

When Intercorp started, Unger and her husband, Arnie, were shipping their salad dressing from their garage. Last year, the firm did $3 million in sales, with the U.S. market making up about 20%.

It was a tough road that Unger travelled to convince independent grocers, and then chains, to carry the dressing which have no preservatives or additives, and feature fresh ingredients like Spanish onions, garlic (not garlic powder). Now Intercorp, with 50 employees, does its own packing under the Excelle brand which has a shelf life of six months.

While sales are booming, Unger's three daughters bemoan the fact that their 44-year-old mother is so busy that she doesn't have time to make the gourmet meals they were used to having.

Unger made her own dressings at home for 10 years, partly because of severe allergies that barred her from eating store-bought dressings with preservatives.

Renee Unger

In February 1985, Unger hired a co-packaging company with the aid of a $30,000 bank loan. She personally insists on buying top quality ingredients.

In the early days, she gave demonstrations in the gourmet sections of department stores showing consumers how to use the dressings as ingredients for everything from perogies to poppyseed cake. By the summer of 1985, husband Arnie had left his construction business to devote himself to salad dressing.

The company has moved to a larger warehouse and now is doing its own packaging, taking in Bill Stewart, highly experienced in production and formulation, as a partner in Excelle Brands.

Arnie Unger says the small size of the Intercorp company is a key factor in its success.

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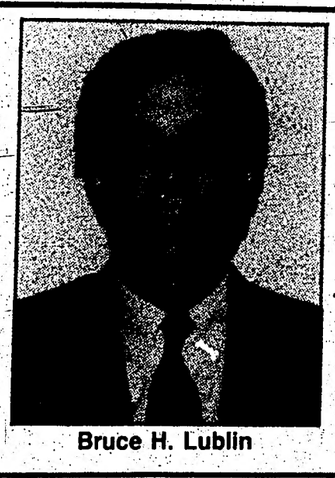
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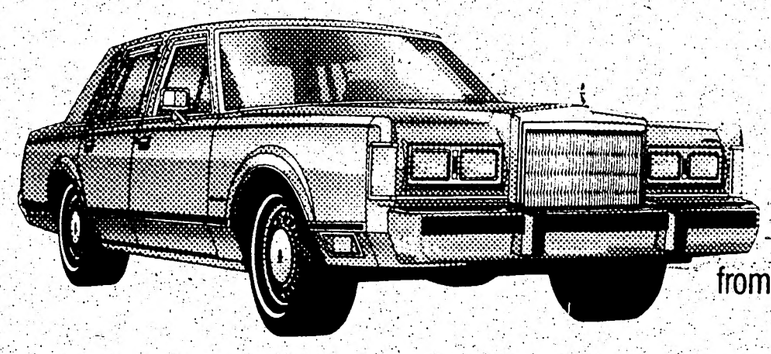
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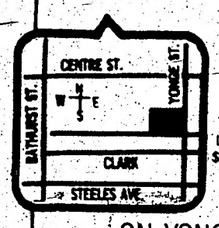

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CENTRAL PROPERTIES

HARBOURSQUARE PENTHOUSE
3 storey, 4,000 sq. ft. suite with 5 bdrms., 4 baths, floor to ceiling windows, 2 balconies, Italian marble fireplace in liv. rm. Superb amenities. $3,250,000. Brian Greenglass 226-1981.

LOWER VILLAGE ELEGANCE!!
Opulent living rm. with windows on 3 sides. Marble flrs. in entrance hall & dining rm. Sun-filled kit. 5 bdrms. Library & skylit family rm. Comp. renovated! David Wagman 488-2875.

LOWER VILLAGE $1,580,000
Desirable street, stone exterior, inground pool make this home one of the most special residences! Move-in cond. Double garage. Great financing available. Cathy Kwinter 488-2875.

ELEGANT CENTRE HALL IN
Lower Village at $1,425,000. Modern eat-in kit. Lge. mastr./dressing ste. + 4 bdrms., 5 baths. Gorgeous lib. w/frpl. Amy Pak 488-2875.

NEW OFFERING $1,200,000.
Prestigious Cortleigh Blvd., elegant 4 bdrms. fam. home + Nanny's qtrs., all imaginable extras. Tastefully appointed. Fab. kit., mn. flr. den & pwdr. rm. Skylights, music throughout, marble entry. A pleasure to show. For your exclusive viewing. Susan Slater/Rosalie Roebuck 488-2875.

LOWER VILLAGE TUDOR DUPLEX
Renov., 2 frplcs., dble. garage + 4 car pkg. Zoned live-in comm. 2-225 amp elect. 9 bedrs., 6 bathrms., private gdn. Marg Hutchison 488-2875.

1ST AD! UPPER VILLAGE!
$945,000. Architectural Digest! Move-in! 4 bdrm.! Centre hall! Dream master ensuite! Fab. eat-in kit. Main floor den! Totally updated in every way! Won't last. C. Kwinter 488-2875.

PROF. OFFICES FOR LIVE IN
Owner. 360 Spadina Rd. nr. F.H. Village. Ren'd. $899,000. Garage + intik brick drive. 4 frplcs., 5 bdrs., bsmt. apt. pot. M. Hutchison 488-2875.

NORLINGTON SOLD $899,000
80' lot on quiet York Mills/B...low Court. Build or renovate. Brian Greenglass 226-1987.

1ST AD! CEDARVALE
$829,000. Stunning modern home on choice street! 3 + bdrms! Mstr ens! Salvarani kit. Free flowing open concept with 5 skylights. 2 atriums. Walk in from garage. Custom oak staircase! All the goodies! Won't last! Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875.

12 ROOM SEMI YORKVILLE!
Restore to single family splendour. Vendor wants to see offers. Asking mid 8's, 25' frontage near Avenue Rd. Appt's. J. Thomson 488-2875.

INVESTORS TAKE NOTE!
Income property in good dwntn. loc. 2 enormous atached Victorians with excellent net return. $859,000. Brenda Posluns 488-2875.

22 HOWLAND N. OF BLOOR
$799K, 4 apts., total renov. — rest., vacant, $67,000 income pot. Victorian. M. Hutchison 488-2875.

THE BUY OF '88 SEE IT NOW!
$795,000. 50' x 174' lot! Alexandra Woods area. 4 bdrms. Main flr. den & bath. Spacious foyer. Large principal rms. Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875.

ROXBOROUGH WEST REDUCED
Rosedale multi-plex. $739,000. Exc. income. W. of Yonge. Showings wkdays. Hdwd. flrs., brdlm., don't wait, priced to sell! M. Hutchison 488-2875.

$699K NR. TRENDY TRANBY!!
Grand Victorian needs some work & furniture to enhance its basic charm. 3 floors to do your own thing. Brenda Thomson 488-2875.

UPPER VILLAGE REDUCED!
$599,000. "House & Gardens" decor! Main flr. den & pdr. rm. 3 + bdrms. Fin. lower level. CAC. New roof, new gas furnace, new eaves. Auto garage. Priv. gdn. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

FOREST HILL $599,000
Centre hall. 4 bdrms. Needs a little care. Good location. Nice lot. Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875.

1ST AD! ON THE PARK!
Beautiful centre hall, perfect for family, totally updated, near shops, subway, private drive, 3 car garage, $529,000. George Chisholm 488-2875.

FOREST HILL TOWNHOUSE ...
Fabulous value in this 3 bdrm. det. 2 storey home. Huge living room & kitchen, CAC, cent. vac, ensuite jacuzzi, 2 fplces, intercom, hwd. flrs. + + + Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

DUPLEX IN THE ANNEX!!
Prime location close to Bloor, large 3 bdrm. owner's suite with 2 washrooms & laundry. Also 1 bdrm. unit. $549,000. Mr. Chisholm 488-2875.

REDUCED $529,000. ART SHOPPE!
Lovely 3 bdr., 2 storey, det. townhse. Fully loaded. Zoned medical. Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

ST. CLAIR CASA LOMA $525K
3 floor semi det. 2 fireplaces, good wood & great potential to restore to single family from present 3 family unit. B. Thomson 488-2875.

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JUST REDUCED! $519,000.!
Spectacular 3 stry. TH. at Yonge/Davisville! Steps to subway & shops! Breathtaking renov.! Exceptional kitchen & main floor family room opening to a very deep prof. landscaped grdn. Best value! Judy Hendler 488-2875.

BALMORAL VICT. BEAUTY $489K
2 stry. w/huge backyard, city view, pkg., 3 + bdrms., frplcs., chic twnhse. Marg Hutchison 488-2875.

AVENUE RD.-LAWRENCE — YUPPIE
New home. 3 bdrm., fam. rm. Choose your decor, large garden, deck. Gloria Cole 488-2875.

GLENCAIRN REDUCED — $459,000!
Superb 3 bdrm. bungalow in great condition. Must be sold! All extras. M. Gherson 488-2875.

LOWER VILLAGE $449,000
It's time to deal! Bring an offer and live in the heart of Forest Hill. 2-storey, 3 bdrm. quiet street. Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875.

EXCITING UPPER VILLAGE!
New on the market — 2 sty. centre hall, 3 bdrm., new kitchen, 20 ft. living room, 2 fireplaces. Won't last at $419,000! Pauline Spence 226-1987.

CEDARVALE! NEW LISTING!
3 bdrm. updated bung. Prime location. Move in and enjoy — loft, hdwd. fls., eat-in kit. etc., or buy now & add 2nd storey in the spring. This prop. won't last at $369,000. Rickey Fitzerman 226-1987.

PEARS ON THE PARK REDC'D
$349K, 3 + 1 bdr., 2 full baths, nr. Avenue Rd. — roots, sec. syst., new gas fur. M. Hutchison 488-2875.

DET. COLLEGE-DOVERCOURT
Reduced to $318,000! Fab. 3 bdrm., 2 baths, eat-in kitchen. Value! Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

39 BERRYMAN REDC'D $399K
Nr. Hazelton in Yorkville, zoned 4 live-in prof. offices, 2 stry., 3 + 1 bdrs. M. Hutchison 488-2875.

1ST AD! SOUTH FACING LOT
Ready for a builder! Terrific location, immed. possession, $369,000. Judy Hendler 488-2875.

ROYAL YORK AND BLOOR!
Totally updated 2 bdrm. bungalow in prime location, dark hardwood floors, finished rec. room. $295,000. Mr. Chisholm/Mrs. Weinstein 488-2875.

REDUCED STRACHAN VICTORIAN
Gorgeous restored Victorian with all updates, 3 bdrms., fab. antique bath. Loaded with charm. Hot area. $285,000. Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

VICTORIAN SEMI NR. QUEEN
St. Bistos, trendy shopping & near Dome. Mint! $269,000. 2 + 1 bed. 1-4 pc., 1-5 pc. Cathedral ceiling w/skylite. Dble. garage. M. Hutchison 488-2875.

DOWNTOWN NEW! $269,000
Beautiful open concept. 4 bdrm. with private drive, skylight, deck, garden, walk to Queen St. Shops, priced to sell. George Chisholm 488-2875.

1ST AD NORTH YORK T.H.
3 bdrm. townhome in a prestige complex w/outdoor pool. Fireplace. CAC. $254,900. Call before it's gone! Deborah Waddell 488-2875.

NORTH PROPERTIES

STEELE VALLEY 114x375
Bayview/Steeles. One of a kind custom home to be built on this spectacular south ravine lot with every luxurious detail. Janie Lerner/Sharon Bobkin 226-1987.

BAYVIEW/STEELES 2 ACRES
Build two magnificent homes or one sensational residence on this picturesque south ravine lot. For further information call Sharon Bobkin/Janie Lerner 226-1987.

NEW RESIDENCE IN GLENORCHY
$2,250,000. Magnificent home under construction. 10 ft. ceilings/7 bedrooms, 7 baths/extensive use of marble/100 ft. front/attention to detail thruout. Saryl Spector/Sharon Bobkin 226-1987.

YES — YOU CAN???
Million dollar baby looking for astute buyer. Extra large garden with 228 ft. frontage. Grand foyer. Five + bedrooms. Sunny south lot looking for prestige buyer. Joan Ziezold 226-1987.

BAYVIEW & STEELES $1,660,000
Impressive 4800 sq. ft. of custom design, featuring 4 + bdrms., 7 baths, lib. & fam. rm., stunning MB with 6 pc. marble ensuite. Ingr. pool & Jacuzzi, fin. bsmt. J. Bleiweis/S. Bobkin 226-1987.

BAYVIEW/OLD COLONY AREA
A rare offering! Magnificent 5 bdrm. bungalow, totally renovated. Fab. 110' sth. lot. Gracious stone exterior, extensive landscaping, marbles, ceramics, tastefully appointed. Rena Bader 226-1987.

THORNHILL 100x300 FT. LOT!
$1,395,000. to be built. 5 + bdrsm., 6 baths, dramatic 2 st. foyer & liv. rm., lib. & fam. rm., triple gar., many extras, superior finishing! Exclusive with Carol Greenglass/Sharon Bobkin 226-1987.

BAYVIEW SOLD POLE
$1,390,000. Charming 4 bd...bungalow, 150 ft. front. Sharon Bobkin/Janie Lerner 226-1987.

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HOGGS HOLLOW SPLENDOR
Custom designed by Peter Peterson. Finest quality. Vaulted ceilings, dome entrance, marble & mirror. Sculpted circular stairwell in serene treed setting. Donna Weiser/Jim Maguire 226-1987.

7 POINSETTA SOLD 295,000
4,300 sq. ft. of luxury on this ...ont. Sharon Bobkin/Janie Lerner 226-1987.

OVER HALF ACRE — THORNHILL
New custom home, 100 x 300 ft. lot backing on park, ideal for tennis court & pool, over 5000-sq. ft. of luxurious finishing, 5 bdrms., 6 baths, triple gar. Saryl & Lionel Spector 226-1987.

YONGE/LORD SEATON
Outstanding 5 bdrm. w. circular drive on a large lot. Designer finishings, skylights, marble, Jacuzzi + completely fin. lower level. Over $150,000. in upgrades. Jim Maguire/Donna Weiser 226-1987.

WANTED! BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS
Bonafide purchaser requires home on large lot. Will reno. Million dollar range. Flex. possession. Branda Posluns 488-2875.

BATHURST/GLENCAIRN
This custom home to be built features main floor fam. & lib., oversized kit., 5 bdrms., 7 baths with exquisite finishes & quality workmanship. Fran London 226-1987.

SHEPPARD-BAYVIEW — EXEC.
Custom blt. Over 4500 sq. ft. of total perfection. 5 baths, 3 firepl., cathedral foyer, marble floors, 46 ft. rec. rm. + bar, w/o to garden. Top quality upgrades. Donna Weiser/Jim Maguire 226-1987.

FINCH/YONGE — CUSTOM BUILT
$850,000. 4 bed., 4 bath, main floor library and fam. rm., top quality finishes thru-out. Still time to choose. D. Brown/T. Rotenberg 226-1987.

BAYVIEW-SHEPPARD
Custom blt. 4100 + sq. ft. Marble, Jacuzzi, floating staircase. Outstanding design, purch. to select finishes. D. Weiser/J. Maguire 226-1987.

WILLOWDALE CUSTOM HOMES!
From $775K — best buy in area! Several models avail. 4 bdrms., 5 baths, lib. & fam. rm., fin. bsmnt., sauna, skylites, Jacuzzi, deluxe kit., loaded with extras! Carol Greenglass 226-1987.

BAYVIEW/CUMMER RAVINE
When the view is important! Lovely 2 sty. home set on magnificent 60' ravine lot. Dble. gar., mn. fl. fam. rm. & ldy., 4 baths, Jacuzzi, w/o l/level & more. "A.Y. Jackson area". Rena Bader 226-1987.

FABULOUS LOT! 100'x300'
Yonge/#7, prime residential area, in Old Richmond Hill! Call Ingrid Hemmerich 226-1987.

HERITAGE ESTATES — R/HILL
Demand area — demand street. Gracious 2 storey, 4 bdrms. "Berez" blt. home. Mn. fl. fam. rm. & lib., gourmet kit., huge master & ens. Premium lot. Upgraded & 1 yr. new! Rena Bader 226-1987.

ELGIN MILLS/BATHURST
1st ad. Customized. 4 bdr. 3 baths. Hardwood & cermic flrs. Mn. flr. family rm., pot lights. Wood trim, whirlpool. Diane Plant 488-2875.

INVESTOR'S TASTY TREAT!
4 baths, 4 car prk., 2 storeys & more, this multi-family unit will give rise to great bread annually in 3 kits. Shaw/Dupont. Tenanted w/no leases. Call Loni Ingber/Pam Chiotti 226-1987.

LESLIE/SHEPPARD
Luxury townhome — like model. New brdlm., 5 appls., CAC, 2 fp, w/o lower level to garden. Finest in prestige complex. Donna Weiser 226-1987.

STUNNING BAYVIEW TOWNHOME
Tri-Del blt. New gourmet kitchen. Cathedral ceilings & fireplace. Walkout lower level to garden. Master w/dressing area & open den. Small prestige complex. Donna Weiser/Jim Maguire 226-1987.

BAYVIEW & 7 LUXURY T.H.
Almost new spacious 3 bdrm. Formal living rm. w/mrbl. firpl. Master w/Roman tub, ceramics, appls. + extras. J. Maguire/D. Weiser 226-1987.

WARMTH ON A COLD NIGHT
The frplc, b/i bar, winerack & furniture make the bsmt. in this 2 sty. Thornhill house one you won't want to leave. 3 bdrm., kit. nook, CAC, garage. Pam Chiotti/Loni Ingber 226-1987.

1ST AD! BATHURST/WILSON
$349,000. Renovated 3 bdrm. bungalow on 53 ft. lot, new kitchen & bath w/skylight. Gorgeous stained hrdwd. floors. Full bsmnt. apt. Immaculate condition! Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875.

CONDOMINIUMS

OXFORD ON MARKHAM CONDO!
Downtown living above the crowd & different loft style 2 level penthouse with 1 bdrm. & w/o plus separate liv. & din. & underground parking. Flexible possession. Low 2's. B. Thomson 488-2875.

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MISTER REAL ESTATE INC.

BATHURST/CLARK SPRINGFARM, JUST REDUCED!
4 + 1 bdrm, fam. rm., fin. bsmt. & nanny's quarters, 4 baths, premium lot, dbl. gar., over 2,350 sq. ft. *Marlon Green 224-2800.

OVER ONE ACRE — CUSTOM BUILT HOME
In beautiful Woodland Acres, 4 bdrm, triple gar, white kit, $$$ EXTRAS $$$ $959,000. *Gayle Friendly 223-5100.

BATHURST/STEELES 3,200 SQUARE FEET OF LUXURY
4 bdrm w/fam rm., dcn, marble in kit & foyer, designer ceramics in all baths, backs onto park — Elegance coupled w/Value produce this rare opportunity at $489,900. *Clara Benitah 224-2800.

BEST ADDRESS IN GREENLANE! ELEGANTLY APPOINTED
Spacious principal rooms overlooking superb ravine, finished lower level, w/o — $728K. *Jeff Tabachnick 223-5100.

BATHURST/STEELES 4 BDRM, 4 BATHS, HUGE FAMILY RM.
Oversized kit, kitchenette, fin. bsmt.,child safe court. Act Fast, at this price it won't last! *Clara Benitah 224-2800.

BAYVIEW/SHEPPARD NEW HOME! $829,000
Now under const. by Barabco on South facing lot, 50' x 150', 5 bdrm, 3 baths upstairs — to view plans **Bev Burstein 223-5100.

JUST REDUCED — STEELES/NEW WESTMINSTER 2,500 SQ. FT.
4 bdrm, grey/white decor, main fl. fam./ldry rms, white kit w/o deck, dbl gar. Priced to Sell at $329,900 *Gayle Friendly 223-5100.

BEAUTIFUL SIDESPLIT W/MAIN FLR. FAM. RM.
Income bsmt, steps to synagogue & bus, priced to sell so don't delay or you'll miss this beauty! *Cila Fleischmann 224-2800.

REDUCED! BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATED HOME!
Extraordinary find, renovated, close to all, finished bsmt, skylights — Must be seen to be believed. *Yally Ross 223-5100.

JUST LISTED! YOUR DREAM HOME W/MAIN FLR. FAM. RM.
Professionally fin. bsmt, extra large lot, immaculate home - a safe investment for your future. *Cila Fleischmann 224-2800.

BEAUTIFUL SIDESPLIT — BATHURST N. OF WILSON
Main fl. fam. rm., income bsmt., loaded w/extras. Priced to sell! *C. Fleischmann 224-2800.

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE! BATHURST N. OF STEELES
3 + 1 bdrm, townhome w/attached gar. *S. Bzowski 223-5100.

JUST LISTED! STEELES/LESLIE — FABULOUS HOME
On beautiful ravine setting, 5 bdrms, huge principal rms, many $$$ in extras, $799,000 - *Gayle Friendly 223-5100.

NEW LISTING — PRICED TO SELL AT BATHURST/ATKINSON
4 bdrms, 3 w/in closets, 3 ensuite baths, oversized kit, approx. 2,800 sq. ft. of lux, 2 yrs new. *Cila Fleischmann 224-2800.

BATHURST/SHEPPARD — THE MANOR — 3 BDRM BUNGALOW
Immaculate home, separate side entry, rec. rm, 2 baths, gar. At This Price, It Won't Last Long! *Helen Winer 223-5100.

BRIDLE PATH ESTATE HOME
Charm and elegance are the setting for this spectacular custom home on over 2 acres of lane in Toronto's most prestigious location, for exclusive viewing. *Carolyn Feldman 449-0090.

HOMES AND GARDENS DECOR AT BATHURST/CHABAD
Gleaming hardwood in living/dining, 4 oversized bdrms, family rm, direct access to gar & much more! *G. or B. Wener 224-2800.

THE BRIDLE PATH — CARLTON MASTERPIECE $3.8 MIL
Spectacular 6 bdrm residence, designed for formal entertaining, customized w/every luxury imaginable, lot ideal for court and/or pool — Style & Elegance personified! *Bev Burstein 223-5100.

BAYVIEW NORTH — CUL-DE-SAC
Exciting Shane Baghai Design, coupled with understated elegance which makes this 6,000 plus sq. ft. luxury res. a dream come true, nestled in 1½ acres of scenic ravine, complete w/inground pool and cabana make it a rare find at $2,990,000. *C. Feldman 449-0090.

LOCATION & LOT! BATHURST/CENTRE HURRY!!
Elegance + space = quality! Fabulous bdrms, fam. rm. & library, walk to synagogue and shops! *Becky Wener 224-2800.

BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS — 1 WYEGATE — OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Exciting new Carlton residence, approx. 5,700 sq. ft., 103' frontage, purchaser can customize $2.18. *Bev Burstein 223-5100.

BATHURST/STEELES 3 BDRM TOWNHOME, FIN. BSMT.
New flrs, new kit, located on quiet court across from synagogue, TTC and shopping! Act Now! *Larry Wronzberg 224-2800.

SUPERB BAGHAI QUALITY IS EVIDENT ONCE AGAIN
Sensational new home on magnificent 1/3 acre of southern exp., many outstanding features incl w/up from finished lower level, plaster walls & luxurious hrdwd and marble finishings, for viewing and/or schedules *Carolyn Feldman 449-0090.

BATHURST/MAJOR MACKENZIE — PRIVACY & CHARM
Beautiful hardwood flrs, 4 large bdrms, hollywood kit, main laundry & fam. rm., a steal at $459,900. *Gerry Wener 224-2800.

FOR THE ULTIMATE LIFESTYLE AND
A luxury res. in prestigious locations, allow Sepna Developments the opportunity to customize a home for you. Our homes feature quality finishings & unique designs thruout w/imported kit's, skylights, oak panelling, library's & family rms, some w/out bsmts — for details/plans/schedules *Laureen Unroth 449-0090.

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BAYVIEW/16TH — 4 BDRM ON PIE LOT!
Ceramics, hardwood flrs, open to bsmt., central air/vac, huge fam rm. w/many quality finishings! *Larry Wronzberg 224-2800.

PRESTIGIOUS YORK MILLS GARDENS
Unique new home over 5,200 sq. ft. of exceptional "Shohreh" quality of 75' x 150' lot. This res. boasts sensational designed finishings including granite firepl. and countertops, marble ens., hrdwd plank flooring & a luxuriously finished lower level. A rare opportunity for perfection $1,538,000 *C. Feldman 449-0090.

YONGE/CLARK BEAUTY! 3 BDRM, 2 STOREY, FIN. BSMT.
Spacious eat-in kit, shows like new! *Nathan Weizblet 224-2800.

BAYVIEW/SHEPPARD — BRITT'S HOMES
Features 3,700 square foot home at an affordable price, in prime North York location, close to all amenities, lux. finishings and excel. workmanship thruout. *Laureen Unroth at 449-0090.

BATHURST MANOR SIDESPLIT — DBL GARAGE
Finished bsmt apt., just reduced! *Jerry Potok 224-2800.

ROSEDALE CREATION
Fulfill your dreams in this elegant 5,000 sq. ft. new home to be built by Britts on premium lot in one of the most demand areas of Toronto. Act now and choose from the ultimate in finishings, customized to suit your specifications.
*Carolyn Feldman 449-0090.

JUST LISTED! BATHURST/CENTRE 4 BDRM
Large kit & fam. rm, central vac, dbl gar, ceramics and meticulously landscaped. *David Lieberman 224-2800.

BATHURST/SHEPPARD TOWNHOME
Prime location, 3 bdrm & fam rm, ensuite bath, central air, shows like model — Sure value 263K. *G. or B. Wener 224-2800.

BAYVIEW/CUMMER — SHANE BAGHAI BUILT
Custom 4,000 sq. ft. home w/southern exp. featuring Salvaranni kit., oversized dining & living rm, 5 bdrms and many luxurious upgrades. Outstanding value, rare opportunity. *L. Unroth 449-0090.

335 HILLCREST — $695,000
Approx. 3,000 sq. ft. of excellent workmanship by Britts Homes on S. facing garden lot, 5 bdrms, skylights, oak staircase, whirlpool, custom kit & much more. *Carolyn Feldman 449-0090.

BATHURST/SHEPPARD JUST REDUCED!
3 bdrm bungalow, 44' x 153' — Act now! *Jerry Potok 224-2800.

BAYVIEW GLEN EXCLUSIVE
5,000 sq. ft. spectacular res. under const. on breathtaking lot, complete w/inground pool and thoroughly customized finishings, priced to sell at $1,575,000. *Carolyn Feldman 449-0090.

BATHURST/FINCH EXCLUSIVE COURT $689,000
Builder's own custom home, vaulted ceilings, flr. to ceiling windows, overlooks wooded ravine, oversized principal rms., a must to view — for discriminating tastes. *Bev Burstein 223-5100.

VENDOR SAYS SELL! THORNHILL 3 BDRM
2 storey home w/fin. bsmt, 4 baths, main flr. fam rm, central air, 6 appl.; WOW! Only $299,900 *Jerry Potok 224-2800.

****CONDOMINIUMS FOR SALE****

GREAT VIEW OF EVERYTHING! BATHURST/CLARK
Penthouse w/East view, 2 bdrm, 2 baths, fin sunden, marble, major appl., 1,200 sq. ft., reduced! *Marlon Green 224-2800.

NEW LISTING "RARE OPPORTUNITY"
3000 Bathurst, special 2 bdrm, 2 baths, eat-in kit, solarium, appl., 24 hr. security, immed poss. *Miriam Rose 223-5100.

BATHURST/CLARK — DEMAND PLANS
2 bdrm, sunden, Kit + window, 1,300 sq. ft., neutral tones, laundry, storage, pantry, ensuite, immed. *Annette Lipton 224-2800.

BATHURST S. OF STEELES
2 bdrm luxury condo, located close to all local amenities, "Golden Investment" opportunity. *Yally Ross 223-5100.

BATHURST/FINCH/ANTIBES — LRG 3 BDRM!
Huge balc., 2 full baths, all appl., low floor, hrdwd flrs, new paint, immac. condo! Sound investment. *Leon Kogan 224-2800.

****PROPERTIES FOR RENT****

SUPERB HOME FOR RENT! NEW EXEC. 3 BDRM
3 baths, main flr. fam. rm. w/firepl., 5 new appl., Bayview/Hwy #7 near #404, mid-Nov. poss. $1,350/Mo. *Jeff Tabachnick 223-5100.

BATHURST/CLARK $1,250/MO & UP
2 bdrm, sunden, eat-in kit, neutral tones, good features, references, immed poss., prkng incl. *Annette Lipton 224-2800.

YONGE/SHEPPARD "PAVILION DEL SOL" CONDOMINIUM
New bldg., 2 bdrm, 2 baths, balcony/solarium, 14th flr, East exp., 1,461 sq. ft., immed. poss. *Miriam Rose 223-5100.

YONGE SHEPPARD 2 BDRM CONDOMINIUM
1,430 sq. ft. of lux. living, close to all. *Yally Ross 223-5100.

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YONGE ST.-DOWNTOWN
$198,700 — Spacious studio, high floor, newly decorated, European kitchen., south exposure. Marilyn Greenbaum.

THE ANNEX
$199,900 — Unique 1 bdrm, high ceilings, marble flrs, great loc. Call Marilyn Greenbaum.

95 LOMBARD
$252,500 — Brand new 1 bdrm + den, 5 appls., parking. Upgrades galore. Call Rick Frankel.

82 LOMBARD
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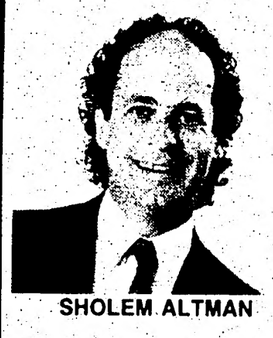

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4 BDRM. TOWNHOME $2150 MO.
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MORE CHOICE OF CONDO
$185,900 155 Marlee — 2 bdrm, luxury unit, laundry ensuite, pool, sauna, shabat elevator, walk to synagogue, shop, school, Bathurst-Finch, choice of two bdrm — $189,000 to $320,000 — D. Abraham 783-3333.

CONDO — CONDO — CONDO!
$152,900 From Glencairn Subway — choice of one-two-and three bedrooms, pool, sauna, security — access to shop and subway. Bathurst/Lawrence — choice of 2 bdrm — $280,000. D. Abraham 783-3333.

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1 Houses For Sale

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CENTRAL

1ST PRESENTATION! "THE CHURCH"
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40 ROSEHILL
$449,000 - Rarely available in this luxury building! 2 bedroom, 2 bath suite with solarium, indoor pool, concierge. To view please call Rachel Ilany or Alyce Diouha 488-4488.

44' x 133' GLENGROVE AVENUE WEST
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NORTH

HIGHPOINT POST ROAD
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"THE BRIDLE PATH"
$3,250,000 - A remarkable 8,000 square foot contemporary with a grand glass foyer to welcome guests. Beyond are bright principal rooms all with walk outs to an irresistibly picturesque garden with tennis court. Indoor pool, 6 bedrooms with adjoining baths. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

SANDFIELD MISTY
$2,500,000 - Character, craftsmanship, attention to detail, formality and casualness is what you will find in this 5000+ square foot 2 storey residence. Walk out to private garden with pool. An abundance of light throughout. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

YORK MILLS/BAYVIEW
$1,580,000 - Exquisitely appointed 5 bedroom home accented with green house windows, marble floors, skylights, mirrored baths. Main level family room with access to sun deck and pool. Meticulously maintained. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

JUST LISTED! BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS
$1,400,000 - Totally exquisite - renovated 4 bedroom bungalow. Custom white kitchen, main floor den, hardwood floors, on fabulous lot in quiet cul-de-sac. F. Novack/M. Noar 441-2888.

BUILDING LOT - 109' FRONTAGE
$1,100,000 - Backs on to prestigious Bridle Path! New homes in area are commanding over $2 million. Save dollars while you build your own dream home. Sue Boriska 488-4488.

NEW LISTING! YORK MILLS 100' x 188'
$898,000 - Substantial sidesplit on large treed lot in heart of York Mills, 3+ bedrooms, den on main floor, family rm. with walk out, 2 fireplaces, eat in kit., master ensuite. Call Frances Novack/Michele Noar 441-2888.

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$895,000 - Rare find!! Spacious ... desirable area ... ravine ... walkout. 4+ bedroom custom bungalow with front flagstone courtyard. Indoor atrium. Access from living room and family room to sun deck. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

BAYVIEW YORK MILLS PENTHOUSE
$525,000 - Stunning 2 bdrm + den with magnificent open terrace & south view. Excellent value on today's condo market. Upgraded throughout. N. Kopman/A. Carmona 488-4488.

BATHURST/ANTIBES LUXURY CONDO!!
$259,000 - 3 bdrm, 2 bath southeast corner. Wrap around balcony. CAC. 2 car pkg. Great value. Barbara Jacobs 488-4488.

THE BRIDLE PATH — $2,300,000
Weighing values? Building your own home could be the answer. Investigate the alternatives by viewing this 150' x 300' southern exposure lot! Elise Kalles 488-4488.

NEW LISTING! BAYVIEW VILLAGE
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BANBURY-LESLIE — IF COMFORT COUNTS!
Just listed! Sparkling 4 bdrm., 3 bths., new addition, skylights, super lot. $739,900. Perry Waisglass, 731-7111.

AVENUE RD. - LAWRENCE — TUDOR DELIGHT!
Charming 4 bdrm. on prestigious street, original architectural details, 2 firepl., leaded glass bay window, Ruth Zbarsky, 731-7111.

GREENLANE — BIG HOME — LOOK NO FURTHER!
Super location, quiet cul-de-sac. Spacious 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. rm. & study, circular staircase, grey & white decor. Neil Bocknek, 731-7111.

SPRING FARM — WALK TO SYNAGOGUE
Magnificent 3,000 + sq. ft., 4-5 bdrm., features oversized fam. rm., wet bar, & firepl., huge master. $499,900. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

BATHURST — HERITAGE ESTATES — RAVINE LOT!
4 bdrm., elegant liv. rm., din. rm., fam. rm. & library. Marble firepl., gourmet kitch. $489,900. Stan Sukerman, 731-7111.

BATHURST VILLAGE — ACCENT ON VALUE!
Spacious 3 bdrm. bung., dble. gar., 2 bsmnt. apts., steps to TTC, synagogues, shopping. $429,000. Terry Balaban, 731-7111.

BATHURST S. OF STEELES — CAREFUL BUYER'S DREAM!
Fantastic 3 bdrm., fam. rm., huge kitch., bsmnt. w/o, quiet crt., dble. gar. Priced to sell! Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — SHOWPIECE!
Just listed! Designer decor, 3 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. rm., upgrades galore! $291,900. Ellen/Steve Fisher, 731-7111.

SPRING FARM — HOME & GARDENS SHOWCASE!
Fabulous 3 bdrm. + fam. rm., cathedral ceiling, hdwd. flrs. & ceramics, skylight, a real WOW house! $349,900. Stan Sukerman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — JUST LISTED!
Super 3 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., skylights, upgrades, landscaped, quiet cres. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-CHABAD GATE — BUILT FOR FUN!
Immaculate condition. Spacious 4 bdrm., huge master, lg. bright kitch., mn. flr. fam. & laundry, near all amenities. Bella Beer, 731-7111.

BATHURST — STEELES — MUST BE SEEN!
Hurry for this! Fabulous 3 bdrm., all brick, backs onto park. Fam. rm., extras, $289,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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AVENUE RD.-LAWRENCE
Charming 3 bdrm., det., brick home, lg. lot. Great potential for development. Walk to synagogue, close to all amenities. $419,900. Pat Hawkins, 534-6381. Darrell Kent R.E. Rltr.

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2-car gar., 3 baths, 2 firepl., fin. bsmt. + in-law apt., immed. poss. Sally Rosen, 630-3676.

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4 bedroom, 3 full baths, modern white eat-in kitchen, 2 fireplaces, skylight, interlock courtyard, move-in condition. $339,500. Private, no agents please. 486-0274.

Bathurst/Lawrence - 3 bedroom, with finished basement apartment, excellent neighbourhood, close to TTC, shuls, schools and shopping. $359,900. No agents. 781-7188.

Bathurst/Lawrence - $379,900. Spotless 3 bedroom sidesplit, fantastic landscaped lot, 53 x 120, single garage, 1½ baths, faces park. April/May 1989 possession. Definite pride of ownership. No agents. 781-1400.

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3 Houses For Rent

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5 Condominiums For Sale

- **Hemispheres I.** 2 & 3 bdrms.
- **Hemispheres II.** 1 bd. + sunrm., no stairs.
- **Hemispheres II.** 2 bd. + sunrm., gorgeous view.

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6 Condominiums For Rent

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Avenue Rd./Lawrence - Bedford Glen - Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large living room/dining room. $1,350+Immediate. 226-1875.

Bathurst/Clark - Promenade III - Luxury condo, 2 bedroom, 2 baths, 2 parking, 3 appliances + blinds. Available immediately. $1,400/month. 886-7152, 881-2131.

Courtland, 1 bd./den, $1,225. Ted Waxman, Ungerman Rlty. Rltr. 731-7111.

80 Antibes. 3 bd., Fla. rm., $1,300, Bella Beer, Ungerman Rlty. Rltr., 731-7111.

Bathurst/Clark - 2 bedroom, den plus blinds. Immediate. $1,275/month. 886-4896.

3000 Bathurst - Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 baths, central air, 24 hour guard, $1,300 +. 781-3608, 781-0701.

Bathurst/Finch - Hemispheres II - 2 Bedrooms, sunroom, 2 bathrooms, 5 appliances, parking, shabbat elevator. $1,400. 223-8049.

5 Condominiums For Sale

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6 Condominiums For Rent

Bathurst/Finch - Hemispheres - corner luxury 2 bedroom, den, appliances. 225-5744.

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7 Condominiums For Rent/Sale

Bathurst/Finch - Prestige Low-rise, 2 level over 1,700 sq. ft., 2 en-suite bedrooms, 1-5, 1-4 piece + powder room, eat-in kitchen, patio garden, pool, 2 ind. car pk. 5 major appliances. Reduced $309,000 or rent $1,900/m. 638-9772.

9 Accommodation Available

Room for rent, furnished, Bathurst/Steeles, female preferred. Nov. 15. Call after 6 p.m. or leave message at 665-0291.

11 Shared Accommodation

Marlee-Roselawn - Spacious, clean, 2 bedroom apartment, available immediately. 787-6687, 947-9210.

Bayview/John - Beautiful townhouse to share w/woman. Marilyn 221-2011, 925-7351, noon-8 p.m.

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Yonge/Eglinton - Large 2 bedroom apartment to share with non-smoker. Private bath. 484-0791.

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12 Apartments For Rent

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OVER 2,000 SQ. FT.
Luxuriously appointed 3-bdrm. w/master ens.; cent. air, enormous kit.; 1 of 3 apts. in bldg. Tenant pays hydro only. $1,800/mo. Ramon Tsur, 789-4325, **Tal-Ram Real Estate Ltd., Realtor.**

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17 Florida Property For Rent

Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom condo, 163rd and Collins, Plaza of the Americas. $65 U.S. daily. Minimum 2 months. 252-8089, 469-7494 Laura.

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17 Florida Property For Rent

Pompano Beach - Parliament House Condo - Elegantly furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 balconies, 18th floor, spectacular views of intracoastal and canals. 24 hour security. $2,000 U.S./month. 4-6 months lease. (416) 698-9722.

North Miami Beach - 177th Street, condo. 1 bedroom, 1½ bathroom, furnished, excellent location, close to everything. $1,000 U.S./month. 663-3820.

Three Islands, 1 bdrm, decorator furnished, fully equipped. Jan. 5 to April 5. $4,500 U.S. 497-4939.

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18 Florida Property For Sale

Century Village - West Palm Beach, Berkshire, corner, 1-1½, central air, new rugs, near transportation. Only needs personal items. Available December. $35,000 U.S. Till November 5th call (1-607)722-3038, after November 10th call (1-407)686-3781.

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Hallandale - Hemispheres Ocean North - 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, all appliances, extra fridge, some furniture, marble floors, security, tennis, pools, sauna, bus service and more. $235,000 U.S. Negotiable. 305-456-1184.

Pompano Beach - Independence Bay - 2nd floor condo on 140 acre lake. SW exposure. W & D, many extras. W/WO furniture $76/$72K. (305) 426-4888.

Golf & Tennis Country Club
Delray Beach - Beautiful home, 2 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, eat-in kitchen, 6 appliances, large den with bar, separate dining room, living room opening on to private pool, screened gazebo with bar, 2 car garage, fully furnished by top Florida decorator, 24 hour security. $300,000 U.S. 407-495-2518.

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19 Florida Property For Rent/Sale

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19 Florida Property For Rent/Sale

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21 Israel Properties

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27 Investment Properties

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28 Announcements

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29 Social Announcements

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Women's health issues examined

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Taking Responsibility For Our Own Health was the theme of the 3rd annual Symposium on Women and Health, held recently at the OISE Auditorium.

Merrijoy Kelner, a professor in the department of behavioral sciences at the University of Toronto, introduced the program. She told the 335 participants that during the past 10 years, there's been a growing appreciation of the importance of disease prevention and a newer concept, the concept of health promotion. The all-day symposium was sponsored jointly by the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary and the Division of Community Health, University of Toronto.

"Each one of us has an opportunity to make choices and to gain real satisfaction in our lives," Kelner said, adding that health is "a resource which gives us the ability to manage, even change our circumstances, and to reorganize our pattern of living."

The keynote speaker, Jessica Hill, manager of the Women's Health Bureau of the ministry of health, whose topic was Making Healthy Choices, spoke of the inequalities facing women. She discussed the limitations women face in making choices in today's complex technologically based society.

Hill suggested ways in which women could increase their control, individually and collectively, to improve their health and the health care system.

To examine some of the crucial issues facing women, five concurrent workshops focussed on, controversies in food and health and the relationship of diet to cancer, fitness, the increasing use of drugs and their consequences, changing hormones and their impact on women's health, and support groups that serve as a safety net.

Dr. Cornelia Baines, a physician-epidemiologist who has held the position of deputy director of the National Breast Screening Study for the past seven years, moderated the workshop on controversies in food and health.

The panel, which included a health care promotion consultant and a nutritionist, examined a number of topics including, foods considered dangerous, diet plans, vitamin supplements, birth control pills and other drugs, high cholesterol foods, food combining and other controversial and often contradictory topics.

When making choices based on surveys and studies, they cautioned, recognize regional differences and beliefs of those presenting the information.

The media was strongly criticized for sensationalizing cure stories, raising anxieties and giving prominence to shaky information. It was noted that more magazines and broadcasters are consulting and checking the facts as well as presenting more balanced coverage on nutrition and healthy procedures.

The participants were advised to look at material from several sources when making decisions on food and health issues. "And then make up your own mind about the issue."

The government was criticized by members of the audience for taking too long in implementing a national labelling program. As well, the acceptance of ingredients and products designated safe in the United States and not allowed in Canada, was questioned.

"The government pays attention to those who speak up," says Baines. "Use your critical facilities the way you do in other things in your life."

Read, compare information, and raise questions, she advised. Bring an advocate with you, a relative or friend, so you can take in the information. And if you are unable to fully understand the information given to you by a doctor, ask for a report and offer to pay for it. If necessary, book a repeat visit to discuss the information.

Rhonda Love, the founder and originator of the Health Promotion Program at the University of Toronto, said it is time for women to stop taking responsibility without control. "It is easy to be taken in because our hopes are so great that women's health issues are being taken seriously.

"I think we have to develop a critical eye about what's actually going on — the needs of the professional may be quite different than our needs — technocrats, bureaucrats, politicians and the whoever, their needs may be quite different than our needs," Love said.

She cautioned, "Don't be fooled by activity, it doesn't mean that there is a solution."

Tobie Bekhor, the president of the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary told The CJN that the symposium was planned in response to the overwhelming need for more information related to health issues concerning women.

The symposium comes under the purview of Miriam Kerzner, a vice-president of the Auxiliary. The co-chairmen of the symposium were Louise Starkman and Rosalind Witkin.

"Wish day" held at Shaare Zedek

JERUSALEM — A "wish day" was organized recently for patients in the Continuing Care Department of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

The wish of Rachel Krilski was to see her daughter who lives in Moscow. Though this could not be arranged, a phone call for Mrs. Krilski was set up and it came through at the end of a party for the "wish day" participants.

Mrs. Krilski was wheeled in to a special room to speak at length with her daughter.

In another wish, Jacqueline Schwartz wanted to visit her native Paris. Since she couldn't go there, Paris was brought to her and to her fellow patients.

The French Cultural Service provided a beautiful color film and all of the guests at the party were able to share her pleasure in once again seeing the Eiffel Tower, the bridges over the Seine, the Champs Elysees and other famous sites.

Jewish/Arab village seen as model for coexistence

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO — A founder of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, a cooperative village in Israel of Jewish and Arab families says the village serves as a model for cooperation and coexistence.

One of three members of the cooperative speaking recently about the community at an information evening sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam event, Bruno Hussar, a Dominican priest, said the cooperative village was founded in 1972 in the belief that Jews and Arabs share a common future and a common fate.

"The aim of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam is to show that co-existence is possible, and it is the School For Peace which is located in our village which makes this goal possible.

Explained by Hussar, the School For Peace is the main focus of much of the village's activity, operating as an independent educational institution with the aim of building mutual trust between Arabs and Jews using educational means.

"Four-day workshops are held in Arabic and Hebrew to allow children "to listen to each other's side — something which takes great courage and which ultimately breaks down walls of fear and prejudice and builds bridges of respect and friendship."

Hussar said he was hopeful this would prepare two generations of citizens to be elected to the Knesset, who, having been trained in dialogue, will build the peace their parents cannot because they are too wounded by the emotionalism of the conflict.

He gave a brief history of the village, amusing and touching the audience with descriptions of his primitive pioneering days at the site when he lived in a large crate, fought off scorpions, and dealt with indifferent government authorities.

Gradually, more families came to live at the village, he said, after the School for Peace was built, and today there are 15 families, seven Arab and eight Jewish, with 32 children and three singles.

Asked during a question period how the current unrest affects the daily life of the village, Hussar said the Jewish members of the cooperative are not pacifists, however they request to do their army service outside the territories.

Education main goal

Abed Najar, a Palestinian member of the village, said Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam was a small but strong community and a democratic society where education of the children was the main goal.

The village, Najar noted, is not affiliated with any political party in Israel and has always struggled for support from the Israeli establishment. However, he explained, the village has had de facto recognition from the ministry of education which permits schoolchildren from outside to attend the seminars.

Asked why the concept of the village has not been extended to the territories he said that might be the next step. "However, the Jewish settlers on the West Bank don't recognize the rights of Palestinians. They want to rule by force and therefore we cannot have true dialogue with people who want to dominate us."

This led a man in the audience to declare: "You're stereotyping the settlers. I know settlers on the West Bank who don't want to dominate Arabs, but who are there because of a religious connection to the land."

Najar replied that he is not against Jews settling in the West Bank as long as all Palestinians could choose to live anywhere in Israel. This is not the case, at the present time, he added.

Smeder Kramer, another member of the village, said she joined the community with her husband and daughter because she feared for the future of Israel and for her family.

"The conflict between Jews and Arabs was the dominant concern of my life. I lost people I loved in the wars and I wanted to learn how to solve the conflict by coming to Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam."

She admitted not having any contact with Arabs before she came to the village and expressed praise for the School For Peace which she said brings about more understanding of the complexities of the conflict.

The village, she explained, is not a religion or a movement. Regarding religious expression, she added, most who are in the settlement are agnostics, although there is a place on the site for prayer, known as the Corner of Silence, where Jew and Arab can pray each to their own traditions.

Coordinators of the event were Geila Bar-David and Shira Freeman of the Canadian Friends of Neve Shalom.

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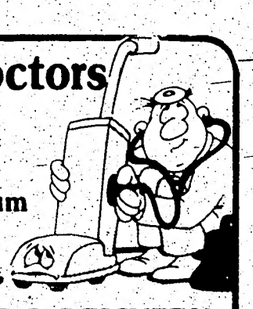
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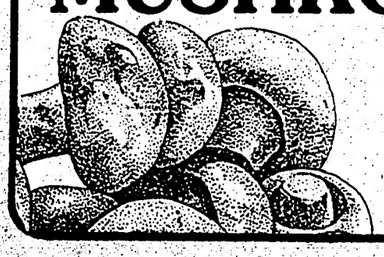

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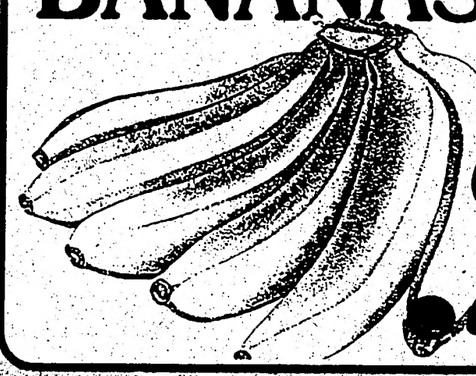

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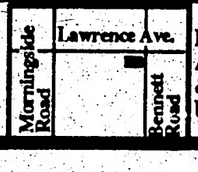

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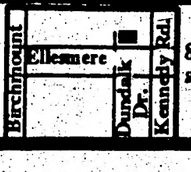

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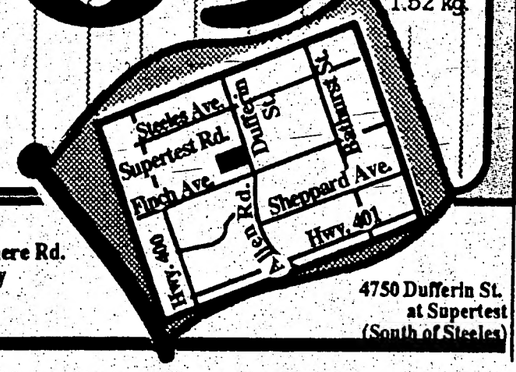

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Editor's Notebook

Surviving is an art form.

How an individual deals with life's challenges be they triumphant or catastrophic is a true measure of that person's character.

In triumph, does one remain level-headed or does the ego become inflated — the whole concept behind the poor winner tag?

When misfortune strikes, does one take the ostrich's solution, burying the head in sand, waiting and hoping for the calamity to disappear?

Or confront the challenges, rise above them, making the best of the situation and in so doing building strength of character and possibly improving the quality of life? In other words, the old adage, when life throws you a lemon, make lemonade.

This, perhaps, could be called a Pollyanna attitude and certainly is easier said than done. However, it is nonetheless appropriate as a positive, self-confident attitude is half the battle to overcoming obstacles.

That is the common thread in this edition. The people we have focused on have all risen to the challenge whether brought on by internal desires or external forces, and are masters of their own fate.

These features range from our cover story on Les Wagschal, an architect who wanted to breed horses, to Ryan Belitz, a youngster diagnosed at 2½ as having juvenile diabetes, to Dianne and Leon Altman, a couple who left their home and successful business in South Africa to start over in Canada.

Unquestionably, these people have made lemonade. Have they become stronger for it? Also an unequivocal yes. They have had the courage to face life's challenges head on and deal with reality.

Wendy Rosen

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Les Wagschal bids Shalom to dream

By BRUCE PARKINSON

Just half an hour north of Toronto there is an extraordinary place. Driving past, heading north on Woodbine Avenue, you may marvel at the well-kept grounds, the proud old farmhouse, the sleek, dignified horses exercising in the split rail paddocks. The sign on the front gate reads Shalom Farm Arabians Incorporated, an interesting juxtaposition of words that spurs your curiosity.

For most, this is as far as it goes, the temporarily piqued curiosity fading as other sights draw attention away. This is a shame — a missed opportunity — for within those gates, decorated with the image of Ha'Yonah (the dove of peace) there lies a fascinating story, one with all the elements of inspiration: love, respect, pride, religious conviction and fierce determination.

Shalom Farm, which enjoys a growing international reputation for breeding top-flight Arabian horses, is the culmination of a dream for Les Wagschal, a 48-year-old Swiss-born Jew. Compact and powerful, with intense, piercing eyes and a salt-and-pepper Van Dyke beard, Wagschal projects discipline and toughness, and there is no doubt these are integral elements of his being. Behind the exterior there is warmth, kindness, a deep love for children and animals, and a desire to be liked and respected.

But Shalom Farm is more than a home to some of Canada's finest Arabian horses. Wagschal and his wife Marny have also opened their home to troubled teens — more than 15 over the past 10 years — many of them "special cases" whom society and social service officials have almost given up on. Known in equine circles as "the man without a whip," Wagschal uses the same philosophy with these young adults as he does when training horses: "Ask little, expect less and reward a lot."

Les Wagschal is seen astride Shalom Mishkoh +/.

Born in Berne, where his Eastern European parents had fled to escape the growing Nazi threat, Wagschal early on felt the need to prove himself. The only Jewish child in a neighborhood rife with anti-semitism, he threw himself into athletics — fencing, diving and swimming among them — determined to be the best.

In the town where he lived, milk was still delivered by a horse-drawn wagon — like Fiddler on the Roof. Wagschal fell in love with the horse, rising early each morning to feed it sugar cubes. The horse turned out to be dressage-trained, ridden in competitions by its female owner on weekends, on loan to the milkman during the week.

Wagschal convinced the owner to give him lessons, and, found to be blessed with natural talent, he attracted better and better teachers. When his father took him to visit a prominent Arabian stud farm, Wagschal stared in awe at the exquisite horses, turned to him and said, "Papa, one-day I'm going to be riding a pure white Arabian stallion and win the world championship." Unfortunately, his father never lived to see the day when that prophecy was fulfilled, not once but three times.

Now affiliated with the Conservative branch of Judaism, Wagschal was brought up in an Orthodox home and schooled in a yeshiva. He later studied architecture and interior design. During his young adulthood, he competed nationally and internationally in dressage, under the tutelage of some of the great European masters. He also rode with the now-defunct Swiss cavalry in the late 1950s.

Before coming to Canada in 1963, Wagschal held an eclectic assortment of jobs. He worked as a stuntman, a translator for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) — he speaks seven languages — and as an assistant orderly in a Jewish hospital, where he often dealt with terminally ill children, an experience which helped develop his deep sense of compassion as well as his resolve to live life to the fullest.

Wagschal married his first wife and emigrated to Canada in 1963. For the next few years they boarded several horses at their property in Markham, and he purchased his first Arabian, an abused, sway-backed stallion he named Azi, for $225.

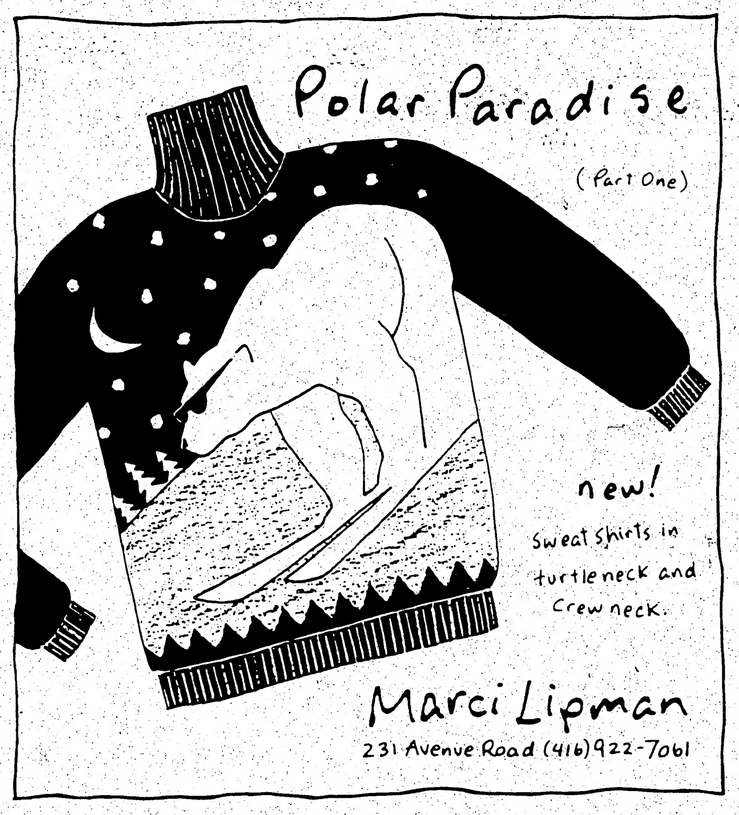
"I bought him because I am an old softie inside," he said. The 24-year-old horse, still going strong, will always hold a special place in Wagschal's heart.

He had two children, Benno-Myron and Wolf, with his first wife. In 1970, she died tragically in a car accident just 18 months after Wolf's birth. Stunned by the sudden blow, it took Wagschal time to regain his equilibrium. He met Swiss-born Marny in 1971, and she helped him "from the depths." They married soon after and daughter Zipporah, 11, is the happy result.

Torn between the financial security of his architectural work, his desire to raise horses full-time and his wish to spend more time with his young children, Wagschal says the predicament brought to mind an old Yiddish saying: *Min kennisht gain mit ein touchas off tzvei chassenes.* (Loosely translated: You can't sit with one behind at two weddings.)

"My real loves were horses and children. I wanted to be here when the kids left in the morning and here when they

Two colts frolic in Shalom Farm's pasture. (Wendy Rosen photo)



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came home. The money and security was good, but either architecture or horses was suffering. I chose my priorities. My health, my friendships, my love for my wife and family, my talent with horses. These are things you can't take away from me."

The Wagschals purchased the Shalom Farm property in 1975, and after a near-disastrous start to his new career when horses he had purchased in Europe were trapped by quarantine restrictions for almost two years, things slowly improved. They worked together with friends to build the barns and indoor arenas, and Wagschal watched almost in disbelief as his dream took shape.

In 1978, the couple obtained "the prize of the farm," Ibn Amoura, a straight Egyptian stud born in Cairo in 1976. Since Wagschal thought it "not possible to go to Cairo to buy" because of the poor political relations between Egypt and the Jewish state, an associate arranged the deal.

Wagschal and Ibn Amoura have been together for 10 years now. To watch them at play in the outdoor arena is to witness an extraordinary rapport between man and animal. Well-muscled, intense, with a proud carriage and the protruding eyes, wide nostrils and short back characteristic of the pure Arabian, Ibn Amoura will allow no one else the intimacy which Wagschal is granted.

"Pure respect turned into love over many years. Jewish tradition says that love will grow if respect is there. Only by giving respect can I get it back. I trained Amoura slowly, not with a whip but with kindness. It takes a little longer, but it lasts a little longer... a lifetime in fact. I use the same system raising children and delinquent kids. With Amoura, it is no longer a master-slave relationship. We are two stallions playing with each other, two boys out playing in the field."

Amoura's job now is to sire foals, and his regal bloodlines and past successes earn him a stud fee of $5,000 (U.S.) each time. He has a conception rate of 100 percent, with more than 50 foals sired.

Another prize horse in the Shalom Farm stable is cross-Egyptian gelding Shalom Mishkoh+/, on whose back Wagschal has captured three dressage world championships at the annual Egyptian Event in Lexington, Kentucky. The symbols behind the name indicate that Mishkoh+/ is a member of the Legion of Supreme Honour, the highest performance award an Egyptian can win. Wagschal has been offered large sums of money to sell Mishkoh+/, but the thought would not even cross his mind.

"I dreamt him for 40 years, bred him, trained him, raced him, won the world championship with him. No one else will ever own this horse. He is as little for sale as my wife and children."

Wagschal calls his wife "my backbone — I would be nowhere without her. She performs impossible feats of looking after the family, giving new life and hope to delinquent children, and delivering foals."

At a party the Wagschals held to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Les' emigration to Canada, a mare went into labor. Marny, with party dress and high-heeled shoes on, delivered the foal as 50 guests watched on closed-circuit television monitor. "Nobody else would do this," Wagschal said.

Proud Egyptian horses like Ibn Amoura are constantly testing their owners. Similarly, the troubled children who come to live at Shalom Farm constantly test the Wagschals, looking for a weakness, an opening in their defences.

"They are not born criminals. They need love, understanding and respect, someone to look up to. They are products of their environment, and if their environment is changed in a positive way, so does their behavior. The responsibilities they are entrusted with here and the relationships they build with the horses can change them entirely."

Les Wagschal leads Ibn Amoura through a drill.

The first teen taken in by the Wagschals had killed his mother in an explosion of rage sparked by years of ongoing abuse. While many of their friends were horrified and feared for the family's safety, Wagschal said the young man was no trouble when removed from his oppressive environment. Since then there have been many other successes and only a couple of instances where anti-social behavior has resurfaced after leaving Shalom Farm. Most gratifying is when the couple is asked to babysit the young child of a former delinquent, or attend a college graduation.

Where others measure success by material acquisitions or social position, it is events like the ones mentioned above that drive Les Wagschal. It is obvious he understands the effects that abuse can have on a young person — in his youth anti-semitism haunted his happiness and ate away at his self-esteem. But in the end it only made him stronger, and to his everlasting credit, he didn't take the weak man's way of redirecting the hatred aimed at him towards others. Some people talk a lot about values and ethics, others personify them.

"I am a people lover. I make no difference if you are an Arab, a Jew or a Gentile. I am proud to be a Jew, I want the world to know I am a Jew and that some of the world's finest Arabian horses were bred by a Jew."

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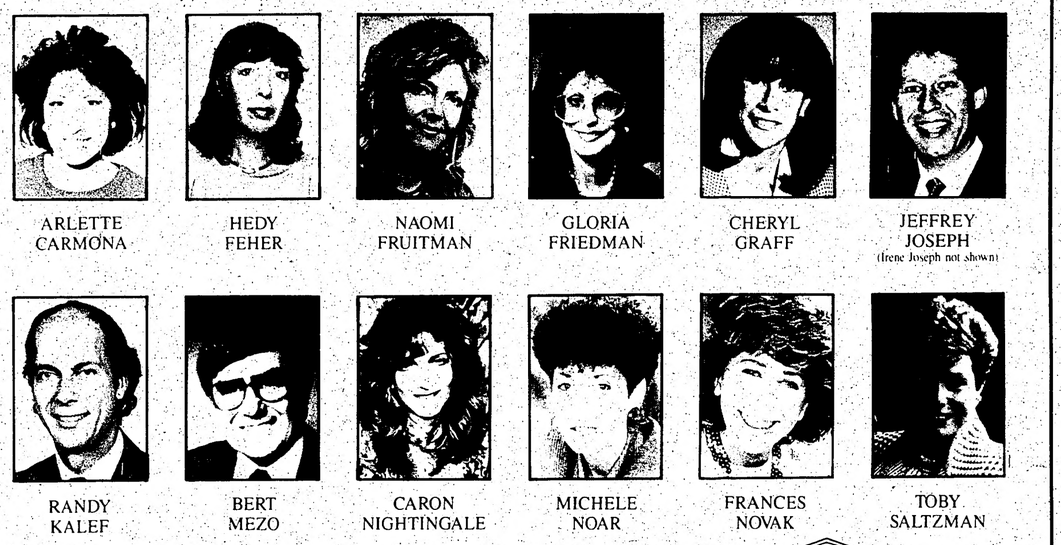
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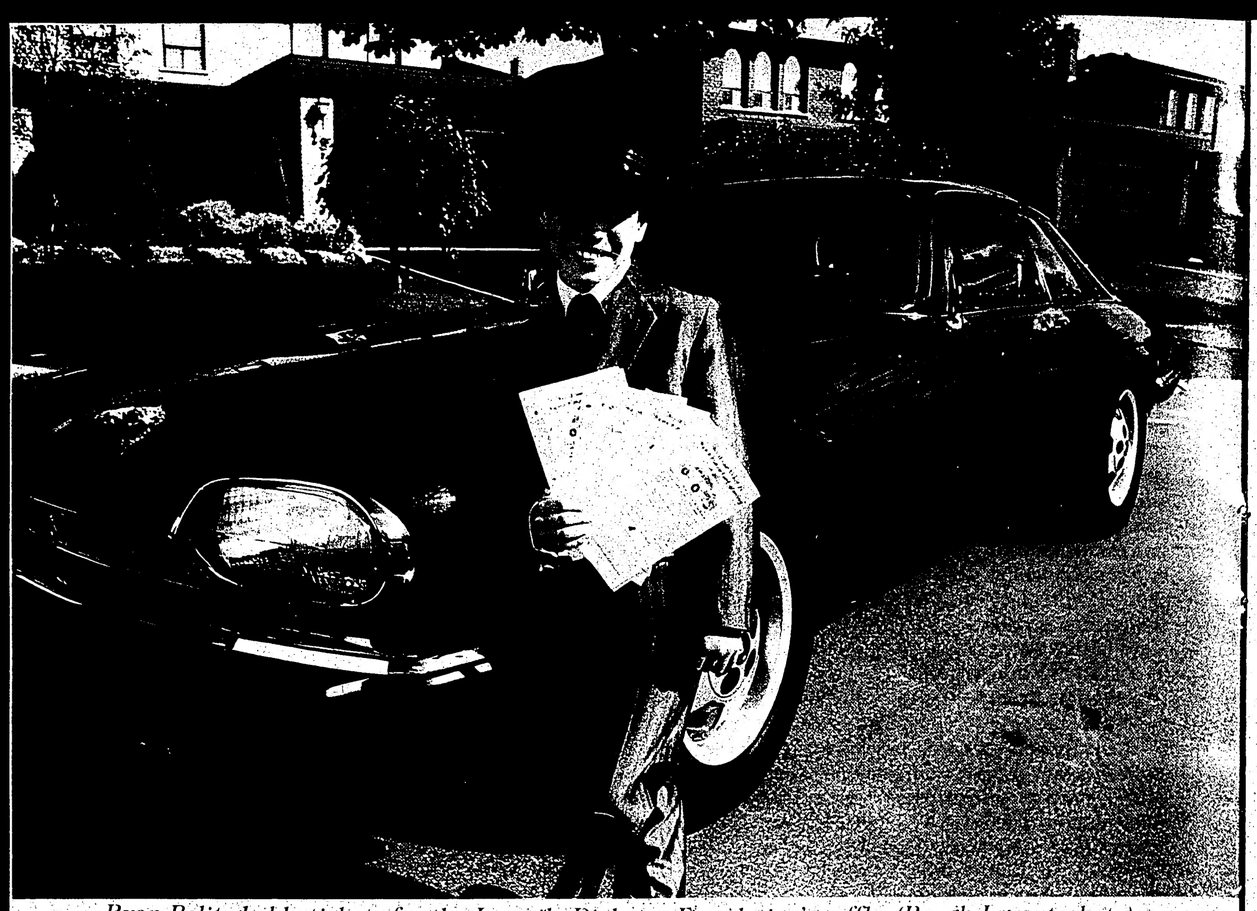

Ryan Belitz holds tickets for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's raffle. (Rough Layout photo)

"We have to know where he is"

Family copes with Ryan's diabetes

By WENDY ROSEN

Look at a family portrait of the Belitz family and you'd be hard-pressed to see anything wrong. For all intents and purposes, it appears to be a normal family of five.

But sometimes appearances have little to do with reality.

Eileen and Marty Belitz's younger son, Ryan, has juvenile diabetes and, to an extent, family life revolves around ensuring that the seven year old eats the right things in the right quantity at the right time — six times a day. Ryan's finger is pricked twice daily — he calls this an "ouchie" — at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. to test his blood sugar level, and insulin, adjusted according to that reading, is administered by Mr. Belitz, who is a pharmacist.

Although the Belitzes, who belong to Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, have learned over the past 4½ years how to handle Ryan's dietary regimen, they say the effect on the family is constant worry.

"It's not something that will ever go away — it's always there," Mrs. Belitz said, adding that they have to know where he is around mealtime.

She recounts the time Ryan called her at the office from school asking if he could go to a friend's house to play. As he didn't know the boy's telephone number, she told him to call as soon as he got to that home.

"Well, of course, being a seven year old, he didn't call and I didn't know where he was. It was a quarter to six and I was almost panic-stricken. I mean, what will happen if he goes into insulin shock there, and the mother doesn't know what to do ... she wouldn't know what's wrong with him. Luckily, my daughter knew the boy he went with and I went over and got him.

"It's like that all the time. We have to know where he is at lunch time and supper time," she said, adding that it is at those times that the insulin peaks.

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Jane Rogers, communications coordinator for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, which is sponsoring its 1988 raffle for a Rolls Royce and gala evening on Nov. 22 (tickets for which are still available), explained that a normal person produces insulin, required by the body to break down the sugar that exists in all food and turn it into energy. The individual eats something and the pancreas automatically produces insulin.

About 10 percent of Canadians have either mature-onset (controlled by either diet alone or diet plus medication which gives a sluggish pancreas a kickstart) or juvenile diabetes (controlled by diet and insulin injections), Rogers said. (The symptoms for both are the same: unusual thirst, frequent urination, abnormal hunger, sudden weight loss, skin disorders and infections, blurred vision and unexplained weakness or fatigue.)

Since a juvenile diabetic's pancreas is unable to produce insulin, injections must be given to break down sugar otherwise it would spill over into the blood and urine. Without insulin, the body starts feeding on itself by breaking down muscles and cells.

When this happens, ketones or poisons are produced, which, over a period of time, build up in the bloodstream.

A catch-22 situation occurs when the blood sugar level is high, producing ketones. These in turn make the individual nauseous, Rogers said. The only way to get rid of the ketones is to have an insulin injection with which the person must eat but he or she can't because of nausea. If food is not consumed after an injection, it is possible for the diabetic to go into insulin shock (the blood sugar level is too low), lapse into a coma and die.

"Insulin shock is the most horrifying thing. Ryan has gone into insulin shock a couple of times," Mr. Belitz said.

"A couple?" Mrs. Belitz said.

"Several."

"Several?"

"Many."

"Many. Very many. A few times have been absolutely horrifying. I've never experienced anything like that in my life," Mrs. Belitz said.

"He goes into convulsions, howls like a dog, his eyes roll back into his head ... he's absolutely spaced out. He doesn't know where he is ... he's in never-never land. That's a case where you've got to get some sugar into him quickly or else he'll die."

For this reason, whenever the family travels — even downtown — the Belitzes ensure that food is within reach — they keep a tube of insulin reaction gel in the glove compartment as well as carrying a snack.

Active boy enjoys sports

This is the only area which separates Ryan, in the grade 2 French immersion program at Cliffwood public school, from his peers. He skis as well as his brother Jamie, 13, and swims better than his sister Carli, 11. He races with his friends and jumps over mud puddles. He loves sports and is a fan of the Blue Jays' George Bell — just like all the other little boys on the street.

The condition, which no one in either parent's family has, means because of the dietary regimen, Ryan cannot eat lunch at most friends' homes nor have sleep-overs. However, Mrs. Belitz says that their way around it is to open their home to all of his friends.

Although the Belitzes have learned over the past few years how to better help Ryan, they admit it is getting easier as he's getting older and becoming more aware that his sugar level may be too low.

"There are a lot of times when Ryan will say, 'Please let me have a candy' and we say 'No'. We taught him right from day one that he has to be responsible — right now we're responsible — and that if he looks after it (the diabetes), the quality of his life will be that much better," Mrs. Belitz said.

She says this in light of three facts about diabetes: it is the third leading cause of death by disease (following heart attack and cancer); it is the leading cause of new cases of blindness, and it greatly increases the chances of heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, gangrene and nerve damage.

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Ryan Belitz likes playing goal. (Rough Layout photo)

When he goes to birthday parties or there's a special event at school and treats are offered, he brings them home.

After being diagnosed at 2½ (trouble toilet training him was a key factor in the diagnosis), Ryan spent two weeks in the Hospital for Sick Children — not because he needed to but rather for hospital staff to teach the Belitzes what they had to do for him.

A social worker suggested that Mrs. Belitz get involved in a mother-and-child program for diabetic children called Creating Together. She always brought Ryan's snack premeasured from home.

One day, when the children were at the table waiting for their snack, Mrs. Belitz was busy getting snacks for the other children.

"One mother went over to Ryan and said, 'Ryan, here's your apple juice.' He told her, 'No. I have diabetes. My mother has my juice.' He refused to take it. She grabbed him — she didn't even know him — and kissed him. She came over to me and said, 'How old is this kid.' I said he's 2½ and she couldn't believe it."

What do we always say about having diabetes, Mrs. Belitz asked Ryan.

He responded, "It's not so bad."

"Because you can do what?"

"I can eat and eat."

"I always say that God knew which of my three children to give it to because he's the one that can handle it the best," Mrs. Belitz said.

Her husband added, "We drill it into him that it isn't so bad so he thinks that way — we don't want it to make a mental cripple out of him. There's no sport he can't do or school trip he can't go on — we just have to prepare the supervisor."

Asked what JDF fund raisers — such as the Rolls Royce raffle — do, Ryan replied, "They find a cure."

What happens when they find a cure?

"No more diabetes."

What does that mean to you?

"I can eat everything I want."

And what else?

"No more needles and ouchies."

Asked what he'd say to one of his friends who was diagnosed as having diabetes, Ryan replied, "I'd say, 'Don't worry, it won't feel bad.' He shouldn't be scared cause nothing will happen, cause nothing will hurt when you get the ouchie and the needle."

There are no restrictions on any activities, both parents say, adding he can do anything.

Asked if the two older children resent the fact that because of the condition, family life revolves around Ryan's dietary regimen, they said no.

"I think they've grown up with it and they understand. At first, it may have been a little difficult," Mr. Belitz said.

In separate interviews, Jamie, who has been taught to administer the insulin just in case the parents are both unavailable, and Carli both said it had no effect on family life. Carli added that her parents spend no more time with Ryan than with the older children.

"He's not missing anything except for eating junk," she said. ■

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By BRUCE PARKINSON

"Patient, heal thyself," decided Frank Roberts in 1979 after a painful month in traction, the result of a back injury ostensibly incurred during a tennis game, but more likely the penalty for years of bad lifting and posture habits.

Doctors recommended surgery, but offered no promises, and Roberts worried the knife might do more harm than good. Taking the body cast that allowed him some relief while in hospital, Roberts cut it in half, cushioned it with urethane foam and strapped it to the driver's seat of his car. The ingenious device gave comfort to his ailing back while driving, but the cumbersome, 50-pound plaster mold was impractical for portable use.

Frustrated at being unable to find any product on the market that would ease his pain, Roberts, an industrial designer by profession, took matters into his own hands. Necessity once again proved to be the mother of invention, as, working together with orthopedic surgeons, physiotherapists and other health-care professionals, Roberts developed a portable, lightweight back support that immobilizes the muscles and holds the spine at rest.

Thus was born the OBUS Forme, a product that has since enhanced the lives of many thousands of back pain sufferers. A masterpiece of simplicity and functional design, the device weighs only 32 ounces. It consists of a polycarbonate frame, bio-mechanically formed to follow the natural contours of the spine and allow it to rest in a physiologically natural position. Surrounding the frame is a layer of urethane foam, one-inch thick on the front, one-quarter inch on the back. Completing the package is a layer of soft, brushed nylon fabric. A detachable →

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"We live in a world of flabby people who don't do enough exercise," said Roberts, in part explaining why intermittent or chronic back pain is a problem for an estimated 80% of the North American population.

"There are many, many causes of back pain. Arthritis, pregnancy, tension, cancer — but poor muscle tone is probably the main cause."

The muscles most important to a healthy back are the abdominals — often the most neglected. Biomechanically speaking, the human species' back problems began early, about the time we made our way out of the trees.

"Humans weren't meant to stand up straight. By all rights we should be crawling on all fours," Roberts said.

By presumptuously choosing to stand on their own two feet, humans shifted the brunt of their body weight onto the lower back. While other parts of the body evolved in recognition of the new posture, the back never completely made the transition. Increasing affluence, which has freed many from physical labor and encouraged overeating and under-exercise, has only added to the burden. Today, as more and more people spend their days chained to a desk, the problems are exacerbated.

"Back pain can happen at any time, to anyone."

Another major cause of back problems is furniture poorly designed for humans — part and parcel of a style-conscious society's general emphasis on form over function.

"Everything is designed against people. We constantly sacrifice function for fashion. Most chairs — especially office chairs — set you up for an injury."

Roberts says that while progress has been made with the development of "ergonomic" chairs — some of which actually live up to their billing — their cost, ranging from $400 to $2,000, is discouraging to many. He is currently working with a major Canadian office furniture manufacturer to create a chair which incorporates the OBUS Forme and The Seat, another company product. While a retail price has yet to be announced, Roberts is confident it can be kept at a reasonable level. The prototype now is complete, and if all goes well, the chair will be on the market before the end of this year.

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One of the many endorsements from a medical community often frustrated at being unable to ease back pain comes from Dr. Ronald Hoffenberg, chief of orthopedic surgery at Queensway-Carlton University in Ottawa.

"Until the OBUS Forme came along there had been very few well-designed chairs or automobile seats that offered proper support to the spine. The OBUS Forme will either help prevent the onset of back pain ... or relieve the pain a patient is already experiencing."

Perhaps OBUS Forme's biggest attribute is its ability to attach to almost any seat. "You can take the cheapest chair and make it comfortable," Roberts said.

The human and societal cost of back problems is immense. A look around the average workplace will no doubt turn up examples of lost time and productivity caused by the debilitating and demoralizing trauma of back pain. There is no cure-all. In fact, though medical science is learning more and more all the time about the back, for many problems patients will hear the same words that Frank Roberts was told: "Rest is nature's way of healing."

Frank Roberts developed device. (Marie-Josee Crete)

The product's greatest value may be as a preventive tool, used at home or in the workplace to allow the spinal column and muscles time to rest from the labors of supporting the body's weight. Many companies have begun to recognize the preventive potential of this ingenious device — and the possible saving due to increased productivity and lower absenteeism that may result.

The Workmen's Compensation Board and several private insurance plans will pay for orthopedic appliances like OBUS Forme, but OHIP has yet to do so. The Canadian Automobile Association has recognized the value of the product (not to mention the functional inadequacy of most car seats) and offers it to its members. Bell Canada uses them as preventive medicine. The product also carries the seal of approval of the Back Association of Canada (BAC) which added to its list of "products conducive to good back care."

Many people have seen OBUS Formes and not realized

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what they are. The turtle-shell shaped backrest is often seen being carried by bus drivers, cab drivers, sports fans entering stadiums — it has even been seen being carried into Parliament.

For Roberts, whose nagging pain drove him to create the greatest design of his career, the success of OBUS Forme is immensely gratifying. The steadily increasing sales volume has allowed him to keep costs down to the extent that he has not raised the price once in eight years. He grins proudly when people tell him that they know about the product but assumed it was a Scandinavian design.

" A lot of people don't recognize it as Canadian," he said in his gracious, low-key manner.

Roberts, whose grandfather received the surname from a monosyllabic Ellis Island guard unable to cope with Rabinovitz, is pleased that his company's first international manufacturing plant has located in Israel. It was a pragmatic as well as a sentimental choice.

Frustrated by poor agents, high duties and transportation problems, Roberts said international sales "just couldn't seem to get going, despite a huge, untapped market." The solution was to manufacture closer to the desired market and after much study by Roberts's associate and former Israeli-resident Sam Shene, Israel was chosen. It offered good tax incentives, a strong labor pool, a geographically central location and a favorable position with the European Economic Community. An admittedly biased Shene also said, "It's a nice place to be." The Israeli operation is manufacturing the device in Caesaria.

Roberts has taken the knowledge and interest he gained from his research into the development of the OBUS Forme and applied it to create other healthy lifestyle products.

A companion piece to the OBUS Forme is The Seat, an orthopedic device designed to distribute back and buttock pressures over a wider area, reducing the stress that sitting places on the spine. It attaches to the OBUS Forme to create a total support system.

The Flexion Foot-Rest, ideal for office use, forces your knees to sit higher than your hips, a key principle in healthy sitting. The position reduces strain on the back and sciatic nerve.

The L-Shape Pillow, comprised of two arms that join to form an "L" shape, is larger than a kingsize pillow and designed to "cradle" the human body. The longer arm supports the back, the shorter arm the head, with several variations possible.

A reusable hot or cold compress and a lumbar/cervical support roll are among OBUS Forme's other products.

With each OBUS Forme sold, a questionnaire is enclosed asking for purchaser's comments. The company receives thousands of replies, almost invariably positive and this is a prime motivation for Roberts's work.

Shene, who knew little about the company or its products when his association with them began said, "It's like people have been paid to write things. It's an absolute success story."

Roberts, whose back pain has been eased by use of the OBUS Forme, rest and proper exercise, has absolute confidence in his designs.

"We know we have the world's best backrest. If you were sitting on our seat, with a OBUS Forme backrest and a footstool, well, you could fly to the moon." ■

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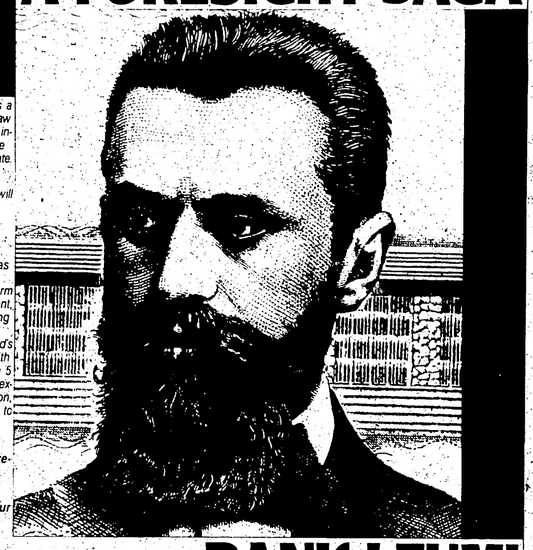

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Dianne Altman of Prints and Chintz helps customer coordinate fabrics with paper. (Marie-Josee Crete)

Couple takes pressure out of decorating

Living space should reflect personality

By MARIE MOORE

When you walk into Prints and Chintz, two things begin to happen. Simultaneously the quiet, calm, relaxing atmosphere lets you step beyond your hectic lifestyle and enjoy the task that lies ahead, while the impact of color, texture, interior design and lighting begins to stimulate all of those creative juices we so often suppress.

It is a unique experience and one entirely alien to most of us who have rushed through dog-eared wallpaper books, perched on unbalanced, uncomfortable wooden stools, surrounded by noisy paint-mixers, ambivalent shoppers and screaming children.

"The store was designed so that women would have a haven from the pressures of going into a new home and decorating. It was designed to relieve stress and really nurture them in this difficult time. There is no pressure here. They can relax, sip a coffee, glance through home decor magazines, actually feel the fabric and unroll the paper; they realize their personal decorating flair and begin to believe that what they want is really intrinsically best for them, says Dianne Altman, co-owner of the business.

The Thornhill shop, which opened in May, is the result of almost 30 years of joint experience in decorating and represents a major accomplishment for Altman and her partner/husband Leon. (He was not present during the interview.)

The Altmans, who have lived in Oakville for a decade, are originally from South Africa, where their four children were born.

Altman trained in communication arts at the University of Capetown. After graduation, she went on to lecture at the same institute, teaching others how to teach.

Because of the imposing taxation policy in South Africa, it became financially advantageous for her to join Leon in his decorating business there. She →

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left the teaching job but admits that she still loves to deliver professional guest lectures — the desire to teach has never left.

The company had three different divisions: a commercial store in which paint was manufactured for construction projects; an architectural office which builders and decorators used to plan and furnish interiors for apartments and hotels, and a basic home decor showroom geared to the public.

"It (the home decor showroom) was a very pretty place with a rather colonial attitude. I would sit with these women at large wooden tables in comfortable chairs and we would have our coffee in china cups while we discussed their homes. Of course, most of the orders were sold from books. Import restrictions were very rigid and we had to buy very carefully. Often, the sample selection we picked up in Spain, Italy and New York was not enough."

Coordinate complete look

The decision to come to Canada, specifically Toronto, was a long time in the making. Their first introduction to the area came from a family the Altmans met on a cruise in the Greek Islands.

"We had a lot in common. They had four kids, too, and they were Jewish — so we spent a lot of time together on that vacation. I really felt I knew Toronto by the time it was over."

Later, South African friends of theirs moved to Toronto and "that started us thinking seriously about a move." When their friends' employer came to South Africa and visited them, he not only convinced them to leave but to buy a franchise in the St. Clair Paint and Wallpaper chain as well.

They arrived in 1977 and moved into the Bayview and York Mills area. Altman's husband worked at the firm's head office while she took care of their store in Oakville.

Altman helped decorate many prestigious Toronto homes in the early 1980s.

"Wallpaper was no longer sufficient. People wanted to coordinate a complete look with fabric, paint, paper and drapery — it was a natural direction for me to take. I have always enjoyed helping people and I have always loved quality items. Seeing things pull together ... an Oriental carpet, a tray of silver, an antique piece of furniture ... all suddenly blended in harmony — that was satisfying to me."

It was this experience that led to the eventual planning of Prints and Chintz.

"I got to the point where I even wanted to talk to the builders, because they just weren't planning those homes for the women who lived in them. When I saw the frustration that they were experiencing and what was going on with the interiors, when I realized how long it was taking even me to decorate them, I knew we needed a place where people could pull it together, a place that would relax them."

But Prints and Chintz does not limit its selection to the higher-priced market. When Altman buys for the store, her materials must not only be beautiful but also affordable.

"Each and every bolt of cloth or roll of paper was bought because I love them. We have different tastes and a range of prices to accommodate people from every walk of life.

"Eclectic is the order of the day; it's fun and it's interesting. People shouldn't panic or get hung up when they decorate. Nothing is wrong or right. Your personality should be reflected in your decor, so if it feels right, try it!"

Current decorator trends seem to run the gamut from Art Deco to modern to classical. One can easily mix pieces from different periods and themes with a little help from Altman.

"To begin, remember that you must fulfil the needs of the room. Family rooms can look very elegant, but they must feel comfortable.

"Don't decorate your adult living space for your children — decorate for yourself. Our homes are our castles; they are meant to be our safe place — our haven from the storm, not our showcase. Many people either decorate poorly because they have young children or overdo it because they don't ... There's too much cardboard and plastic out there."

Altman advises parents to nurture their children's respect for their own living space by allowing them some input with regard to the choice of wallpaper and paint.

As far as the rest of the house goes, "Don't worry so much about how the children will behave in rooms that are full of your best furniture. When they are brought up with beauty, they learn to appreciate it very quickly!"

Even in these modern times, Altman says that a wife and mother is still the coordinator of the home. For this reason, a woman must be happy with her surroundings in order to preserve harmony in the household. Home decor magazines seem to agree, as most of the ads were obviously designed to appeal to women.

Companies such as Laura Ashley, Raymond Waite, Gear and Waverley Schumacher all emphasize the tie-in with cloth, paper and paint. The trend has enjoyed a comeback with middle- to upper-income families since the late 1970s.

It's not new. On the contrary, it flourished until the advent of World War I when paint took over. At that time, people were even painting their wooden furniture. Today, wallpaper is the most economical way to add a designer's touch to any room.

"There certainly is a psychology of decorating. It renews the life and spirit of the furnishings and the people who live there. At various stages of our lives we see and need different things and we should reflect these personal developments in our surroundings in order to feel at home."

What advice does Altman give to anyone about to decorate?

Before you begin, develop an overall plan, so that all the rooms will flow together. Consider color, texture and style, she says.

Pick the room or rooms which are most important to you. Begin here, completing one room at a time, so as not to compromise the quality of time and effort. As you achieve the effect that you are seeking, move on as your budget allows.

How important is budget?

"You must work within your budget! Don't be embarrassed — be honest. Bring in a picture or two of the rooms you are working on — that really helps. Add a few samples of the furnishings, for instance a sofa pillow, a snip of carpet or a towel. Take careful measurements and careful stock of your bank book.

"Bring your collection and your ideas and nothing else — you cannot do the job properly with the distraction of little children to contend with — with you. We'll put it together — together."

She says that once you've completed the basics, add the little accents which are near and dear to your heart. These are the details that make people feel a part of environment. As Altman says, "harmony is so important." ■

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Trials, tribulations outlined

Family builds home of their dreams

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Oren Lazarov stood in the bright April sunshine, mesmerized by the sight of a huge yellow bulldozer tearing down the house he had lived in for almost 10 years.

There was no going back now. The modest three-bedroom sidesplit bungalow Oren, his wife Leah and their two daughters, Mia and Lauren, had called home would soon be history.

No, they could not change their minds now. Several months earlier, they had decided to raze their old house and build a new house, from scratch, on the site.

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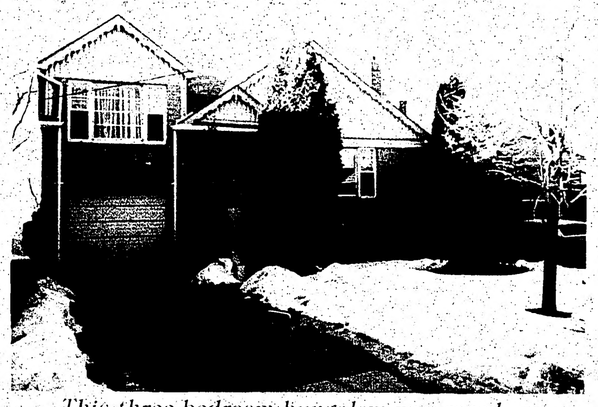
Oren and Leah, having decided that they had outgrown their two-bedroom condominium in a rather sterile part of Downsview, a Toronto suburb, had bought the bungalow in the fall of 1978.

They chose it not for its beauty of design but for its location and utility. They liked this established midtown neighborhood, slightly south of fashionable Forest Hill, because of its abundance of stately old trees, its fine, well-kept homes with gardens and its centrality.

In this sedate section of town, they were close to everything — work, stores, schools, parks, theatres, restaurants — and yet far enough away from the din of traffic.

Oren and Leah also thought that the house, for all its architectural deficiencies, would serve them well for at least a few years, until they had accumulated enough funds to buy something more commodious, something more pleasing to the eye.

But for now it would do. The house, which was on a dead-end street, had a garden facing a treed ravine, which gave them a large degree of privacy for about half the year. And from their spacious sun deck, there was a wonderful view of the Toronto skyline and of Lake Ontario.



This three-bedroom bungalow was razed ...

With the passage of time, and the birth of their second child, Oren and Leah began to think in terms of selling their property and buying a bigger house, hopefully in the vicinity. They put the house up for sale, but, surprisingly, there were no offers.

Then Leah's thoughts turned to renovation. Several people in the adjoining streets had renovated their homes, quite nicely, and Leah wondered why they couldn't do that too.

They consulted architects and discovered that the renovation they had in mind, which would entail a second-floor addition and the tearing down of walls on the first storey, would be rather expensive.

Discouraged by the prospects, Oren and Leah dropped their plans. Some months later, Lauren, their younger daughter, casually mentioned that her friend's parents had sold their house and were building a new one nearby. Out of curiosity, the Lazarovs contacted them, and their interest and excitement mounted as they listened. After visiting the construction site and seeing their nearly finished home, Oren and Leah decided to get in touch with the builder, Bill, an architect by training and experience, who had a small home-building firm.

They arranged a meeting with Bill, who had a credible track record of building fine city homes on schedule at fairly affordable prices. "Bill told us he could either redesign our present home or, if we preferred, design an entirely new one much like the other couple's," Oren said.

After being assured by Bill that he could build their dream home in six months, for a fixed cost, they signed a design contract with him. The home they wanted would be substantial — four bedrooms, with a family room and five bathrooms, of approximately 2,800 square feet on the first and second floors, and almost 1,000 square feet in the basement. There would be two sundecks, one of which would adjoin the master bedroom. The fenced-in garden would be enlarged by 12 feet.

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According to their understanding, Oren and Leah would be under no obligation to hire Bill as the builder. He would bid for the contract and if his price was right he would get it.

For the next three months, Oren and Leah met with Bill, an easy-going person, at least once a week, constantly refining the blueprint and the specification book. By January of this year, the plans were ready to be submitted to city hall for approval.

In mid-February, Oren and Leah signed a building contract with Bill, and he submitted the plan to the city.

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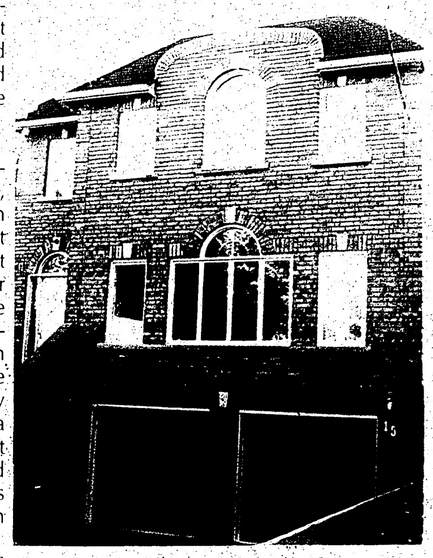
With the bungalow gone, Oren and Leah looked down at the empty pit where their new home would supposedly rise in splendor. "We could hardly believe that a custom-built house would emerge in its place," Leah said.



... and this home built on that site.

The footings — the outlines of the house — were poured. To Oren and Leah, the house suddenly seemed awfully small. What were they getting into? Bill understood their concern. He told them that it was an optical illusion. The house would appear huge at the framing stage, smaller at the drywall phase and bigger when it was painted.

On a warm, glowing morning in May, Oren watched raptly as five sturdy young men erected the concrete blocks which would define the basic shape.

By June, the house was ready for framing. Four Portuguese carpenters worked long hours in scorching summer weather. That phase was exciting to Oren and Leah because they could see the house taking shape.

But there were problems. From the outset, they realized that Bill, as an architect *and* builder, might not properly be able to supervise his own work as carefully as they wished. There was an intrinsic conflict of interest. Bill had come recommended, but Oren and Leah had been warned that he sometimes did not pay close enough attention to details.

As the frame was going up, Oren and Leah realized that the carpenters had not allowed sufficent space for their six-foot Jacuzzi. Bill had not bothered to check, but he rectified the error. After that, Oren, and particularly Leah, observed the ongoing work more closely. They still had confidence in Bill, but now, they knew, they had to double-check everything so that it conformed more carefully to the specifications.

With construction proceeding, they went to the site once, twice, three times per day, to inspect, exult or despair. When tradesmen didn't show up — often the case — they were despondent.

They complained about the snail-like pace to Bill, but he said this was the nature of the game, advised them to be patient and ensured the couple that they need not worry. Leah, who had done most of the research and running around for the house, was a certified worrier. Oren was cooler, rolling with the punches, but sometimes even he wondered if the house would be completed on schedule.

The bricking, which took place over a two-week period in the torrid heat of July, was a fascinating phase. Oren would ride his bike over every day from their rented accommodation and watch the boys on the scaffolding. Initially, Leah despaired that they had chosen the wrong color, an elegant shade of taupe. Soon, the color grew on her.

When the bricklayers left, the house looked pretty substantial, though it was still an empty shell. The plumbers and electricians arrived in dribs and drabs, never finishing their tasks in one satisfying burst.

By now, the workmen had committed a series of blunders — the shingles on the right corner of the roof were asymmetrical; Mia's room was somehow smaller; the glass block rectangles

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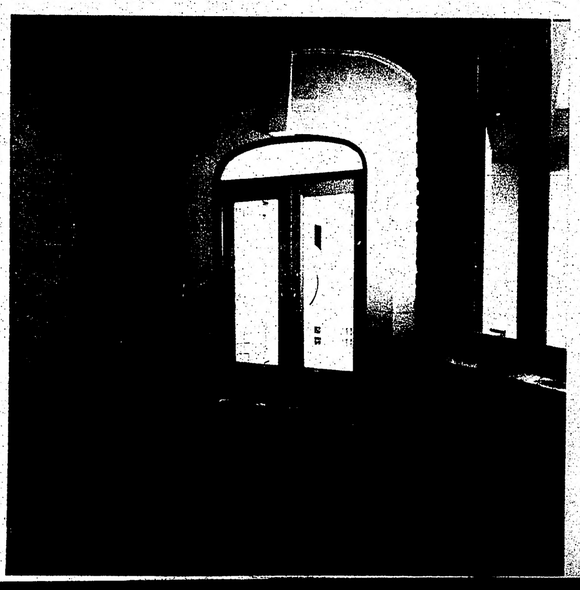

A WAY OF LIFE

on the western wall had been amateurishly installed. Leah was beginning to lose heart, and her relationship with Bill became somewhat stormy at times.

After further carpentry, the insulation was completed. Then the drywallers showed up. Now, more than ever, the interior resembled a real house. By now, Oren, and especially Leah, had familiarized themselves with the building trade. They had delved into the intricacies of raked joints, soldier coursing, bituminous dampproofing, wonderboard, studs, crossbars and insulation and the vagaries of marble.

They had learned that building a custom house is not for the fainthearted; that promises of work to be performed at a given time were not necessarily honored; that plumbing, electrical and mechanical details were as important as the finishes; that city permits facilitated access to the services of city inspectors, who often provided helpful advice; that maintaining a cordial relationship with the architect was of the utmost importance; that neighbors' cooperation was crucial.

In the last month, everything fell into place — the walls were painted; the bathroom and electrical fixtures were put in; the kitchen was installed; the dark-stained hardwood floors were laid.

But, contrary to Bill's promise, the Lazarovs did not move into their new home on schedule. Indeed, for the first two weeks, they slept in the basement, and finishing touches were yet to come.

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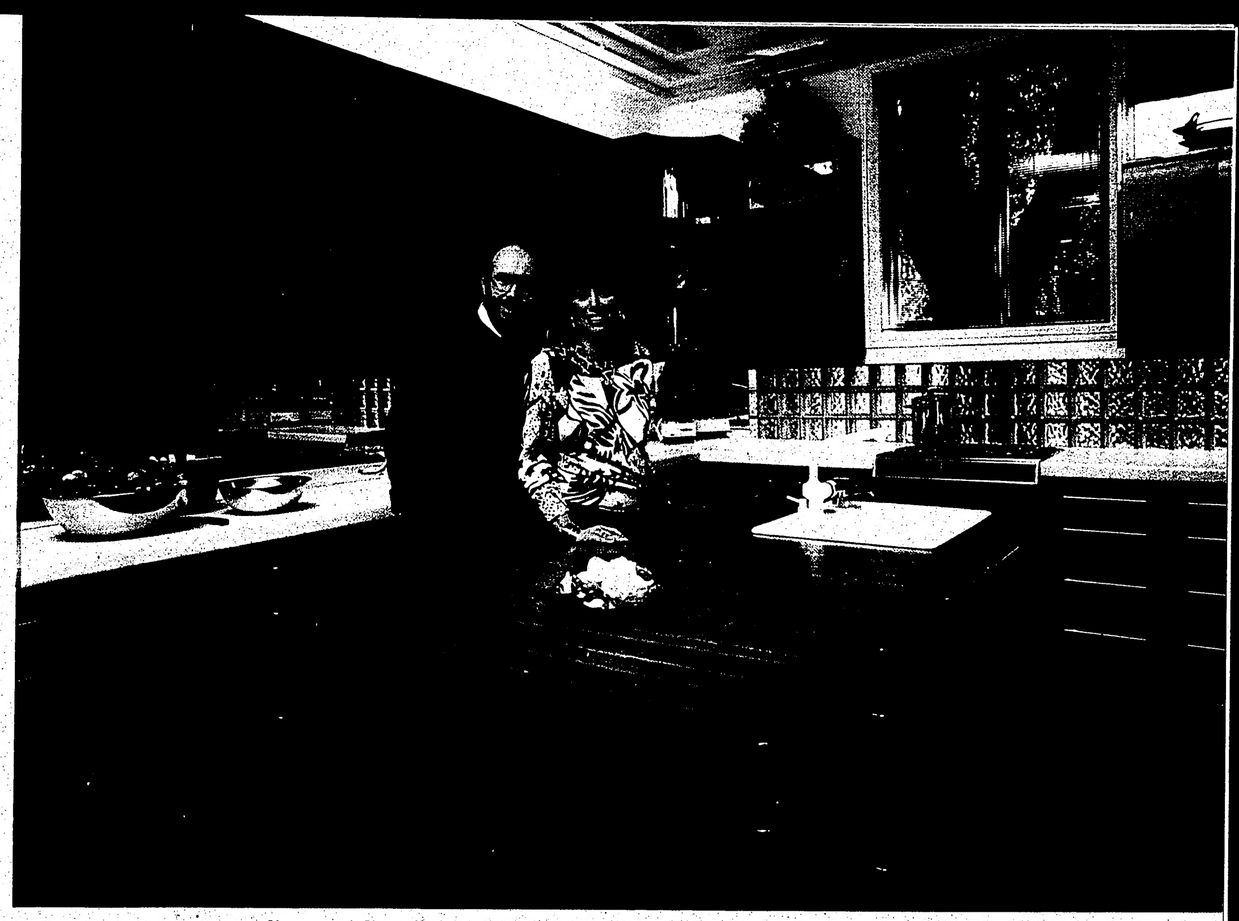

Roz and Ben Schultz are seen in their high-tech, kosher kitchen.

Room is apple of Schultzes' eye

Kosher kitchen core of family life

By CYNTHIA GASNER

The kitchen is the heart of Roz and Ben Schultz's dream house in north Toronto.

This talented duo, the driving force behind Benjamin Schultz & Associates, architects and planners of health-care facilities, commercial buildings, synagogues and private residences, has created the perfect family home which reflects the couple's commitment to creativity and an Orthodox lifestyle.

The kitchen is divided into a private area for preparing the food, and an informal breakfast room that adjoins a family room. The breakfast room is a spacious tranquil environment that brings the outdoors in; where the family can sit peacefully and enjoy a meal, play games or simply talk in comfortable upholstered chairs.

Since food and mealtime are significant aspects of their traditional lifestyle, plus Mrs. Schultz's contention that "one's diet can promote good health and increase one's lifespan and energy level," the high-tech kitchen is outfitted with the latest in equipment. This allows for the efficient preparation of healthy, nutritious food for a family of six plus help and numerous guests.

With a lifestyle based on the strict adherence to kashruth, the kitchen is divided into separate dairy, meat and pareve (neither meat nor milk) sections. There are two refrigerators "as I like to use fresh fruits and vegetables as much as possible and my kids have learned to snack on cantaloupes, mangoes, and other fruit rather than a bag of chips."

There is a baking centre — "I like to bake and my children are becoming accomplished bakers." She says the kitchen was designed to accommodate several people cooking at the same time. "It makes it fun to work together."

Their previous home had a kitchen built with a beautiful vertical design, so for their new home, the Schultzes →

selected horizontally designed cabinetry "because we wanted a change." The materials used in the kitchen are gunmetal cabinet metallic uppers and green-and-silver plastic laminate lower cabinets where the metallic would be too fragile. The color green is used to continue the theme of bringing the outdoors in. They selected a green tinged glass block backsplash, unpolished natural green slate floors and polished green slate countertops.

"We chose slate for its durability and natural look," noted Mrs. Schultz, who manages to find time to do volunteer work at Netivot HaTorah Day School and community fund raising. "One doesn't have to be a slave to this floor and counter top." There are several random open shelves to give relief from the many cabinets required to store the abundance of equipment required for a gourmet kosher kitchen.

Along with the usual kitchen equipment, there is an indoor barbecue, a convection oven, a microwave and an additional wall oven to facilitate bulk cooking.

On the lower level of the house, there is an entertainment space which accommodates up to 150 people with an adjacent prep kitchen to allow meals to be catered.

"This keeps our upstairs kitchen available for family use and keeps it clean when we are entertaining large crowds."

Next to the prep kitchen is a Passover kitchen where the family can prepare food before and throughout the holiday.

While the main kitchen is an intimate family space, the dining room is a formal public space.

"We intend to celebrate ritual meals in the dining room."

It took them and their craftsmen more than a month to create the unique ceiling, which was designed by Mr. Schultz and painted by artist George Schloegal. The dining room has a separate ritual washing sink where one can perform the mitzvah, Netilat Yadyim, in an elegant setting.

The house itself is the quintessence of post-modern high-tech eclectic design combined with traditional architecture.

"As an expression of our thanks, and in general being Orthodox Jews, our goal in life is to sanctify, and thereby elevate our actions," he said. "A house, therefore, must be sanctified and meaningful. It is our intent to let our rather large and elaborate home be a meeting place to raise funds, a place to stay for newcomers and guests to our community, a place for family and friends to congregate, and a place where our two teenagers, Tovit and Aylit, and our other two daughters Atara and Liora, can bring their friends."

Mr. Schultz is an architect with a doctorate in planning, administration and operations research. In 1973, he was recruited from a prestigious architectural and consulting firm in New York by The Toronto General Hospital to assume the responsibility for the hospital's total redevelopment.

Deciding to remain in Toronto, he established his own consultation practice. He leads the design division while Mrs. Schultz, a social worker who left her practice to join her husband's firm, is president of the construction company.

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COHEN: *Pirouette not tutu much for the National Ballet*

By FRANK RASKY

Judi Cohen is president of the National Ballet (Marie-Josee Crete)

It was past 2 p.m. on a sweaty Friday afternoon last August, and a horde of reporters and cameramen crowded in the downtown Toronto studio of the National Ballet of Canada were restless. They had been waiting for more than an hour to hear Judith Loeb Cohen, president of the National Ballet, make her long anticipated announcement naming the company's new artistic director, Ballet British Columbia's Reid Anderson.

Cohen, called Judi by just about everybody in ballet circles — she is also known to her intimates as Jude, Dude, Doodles and The Mighty Mite — finally burst on the scene like a petite bombshell in a chic blue-and-orange polka dot outfit. At 45, with a 100-pound frame just a half inch over five feet, she's a speedy pixie who seems constantly on the move.

She works a room as adroitly as a politician, with a shake of the hand here, a benign greeting there.

The National Ballet had been going through its most hectic period of transitional turmoil since it had been founded in 1951 by another Jewish dynamo, Celia Franca. She launched the Canadian troupe on a shoestring and a dream, but by the time she retired in 1974, the company had gained an international reputation but was assailed by some critics for copying the rigid classic repertoire of Britain's Royal Ballet and failing to develop Canadian choreographers.

After a series of successors, Danish dancer-choreographer Erik Bruhn filled that vacuum in 1983 by commissioning works from imaginative choreographers and personally nurturing an exciting new crop of potential young ballet stars.

Before Bruhn suddenly died of lung cancer in 1986, he urged the board of directors to appoint his administrative assistants, Valerie Wilder and Lyn Wallis, as interim directors. Since then, the National Ballet has been a hotbed of rumors.

And so the journalists and dancers were on edge when attending the press conference called by Cohen. Though the board had appointed her to the voluntary post of president a scant 10 months before, she handled the dicey situation with Henry Kissinger-like aplomb.

A week later, in an office at the National Ballet's headquarters on King Street, Cohen, dressed in a tailored white knit suit, with a black polka dot blouse, radiated energy like a super-animated Barbie doll.

Cohen is not self-conscious about being labelled a driving business magnate. She is president of Adroit Investments Ltd., a private investment firm.

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She remembers having an enchanted childhood in the affluent west end of Ottawa. Her father, Norman Loeb, now retired at 74, is the former chairman of the M. Loeb Ltd. wholesale food empire. It was started by his father, Moses Loeb, an immigrant from Kiev, Russia, who used to deliver wholesale tobacco and candy confections to small variety stores in the Ottawa Valley via horse and wagon. Her father and three other Loeb sons eventually acquired the I.G.A. supermarket franchise for eastern Ontario. By the time it became a subsidiary of the giant Provigo Inc. food chain in the 1970s, the Loeb firm was grossing $1 billion a year.

Judi Cohen

Cohen, the apple of her father's eye, used to listen enthralled when he discussed personnel and business administration at the family dinner table.

Her Toronto-born mother, Amelia, was "my closest and wisest friend" — a *balabusta* who kept a kosher home and was a revered leader in the Jewish community.

It was a home rich in culture. When she was four, she was taken to ballet classes.

"I quickly realized I'd never become a professional ballerina," she said with amusement. "I had absolutely no sense of rhythm. And I was so fast, I was always 10 counts ahead of the musical beat. Besides, I knew my short legs would never be long enough, and, above all, I'd never be particularly outstanding."

Excelling in whatever she tackled was crucial to her, whether in Hebrew classes at cheder, public speaking competitions at Fisher Park High, or journalism at Ottawa's Carleton University.

Married to Marshall (Mickey) Cohen, who is the new president and chief executive officer of Molson Companies Limited, she says that their five children think of her as a "bossy Momma."

One thing Cohen has taught them is that there's no swift, uphill glide to success. In her case, before assuming office as the first woman to be appointed president of the National Ballet, she learned the ropes by serving for two years as a director and vice-president of its government relations committee. She regards her present two-year presidential post — heading a mammoth cultural institution with 20,000 subscribers and an annual production budget of more than $15 million — as a creative labor of love.

No rubber-stamp figurehead, she sees her functions as twofold. One of her roles is to serve as a combined ambassador and promotional drum-beater for the company.

Her second function has been that of a fund-raiser extraordinaire. Her sovereign achievement in that role has been the creation of the Producers' Circle. It's a novel program designed to stimulate the investment of what she calls "cultural venture capital" in experimental ballet works. This program enables the company to be more innovative as mounting a new ballet production costs the company anywhere from $100,000 to $750,000.

To stimulate risk-takers, she has induced more than 25 corporations to join the Producers' Circle and invest $10,000 a year for three years. She has done it with the magic of words.

What is her hope for the future of the ballet product she's been selling?

"My dream is that when people around the world think of Canada, they'll begin by thinking of the National Ballet of Canada instead of the Mounties." ■

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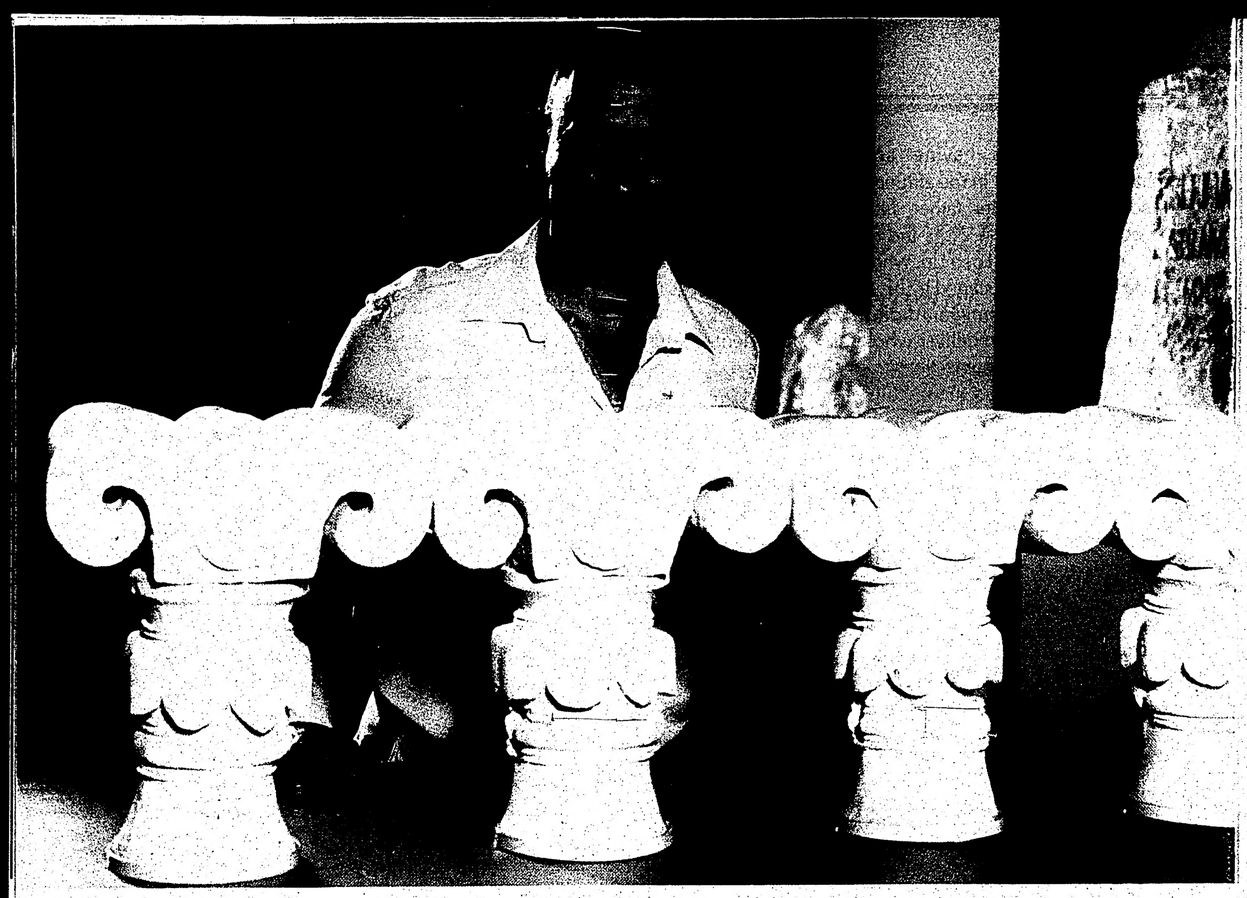

Yaakov Meshorer poses with columns from the Treasures of the Holy Land exhibit. (Rough Layout photo)

Israel Museum curator

Archeologist digs the unknown world

By ED FEUER

Although Yaakov Meshorer's surname means poet and he is an archeologist, it is not inappropriate. "You need a little bit of poetry," he mused. "You can't be a dry person and study and work in archeology. You need to have imagination..."

When a dig begins, "you never know what to anticipate," said the former chief curator of archeology at the Israel Museum. "And then even if you find things, you don't always know what they are."

The Jerusalem-born Meshorer, now curator of numismatics (coins) at the Israel Museum and professor of numismatics at the Hebrew University, discussed his own work and developments in Israeli archeology while here to deliver a lecture in connection with the recently concluded Treasures of the Holy Land Exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum.

"I think there is a romanticism about archeology. This is what first attracted me ... the revealing of unknown worlds."

This fascination led to years of digging as an amateur before he decided to study the subject formally at the Hebrew University. He started as a professional when he was 24.

Meshorer worked as a field archeologist for seven years and then decided to specialize in numismatics. He received his doctorate in that area after a year of research at the British Museum.

In the beginning, he was involved in the investigation of prehistorical sites near Beersheba and in some of the most famous expeditions in the Judean Desert. That included a four-camp expedition in the 1960s which yielded the "finds of the caves" — Chalcolithic Age discoveries and letters and artifacts of Bar Kochba, leader of the revolt against Rome from 132 to 135 CE.

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The Bar Kochba and Essene discoveries (the Dead Sea Scrolls) were made in the Judean Desert which Meshorer says has a special, spiritual atmosphere. "You give a shout and you have a feeling it reaches the sky. It's very wild, very rishoni (primal)." But digging in cliffside caves is among the most difficult work in archeology with conditions made "almost impossible" by all-pervading dust caused by absence of humidity.

Have Israeli archeologists used the opportunity since the Six Day War to do a thorough survey of the Judean Desert caves beyond the Green Line?

Much of the survey work had already been done by British and French archeologists, Meshorer says, "but we continued the survey and more caves have been found and excavated and we do have some more documents." These now are in Israel Museum laboratories for repair.

"But you have to understand that it is one thing to find a cave with prospects of discoveries and another thing to excavate it (properly) ... There are two or three (Judean Desert) caves which we consider to (have the) potential (for) further finds and maybe one day, with a lot of money, we can (mount) an expedition that might yield good results."

Other areas with potential, he notes, are caves north of Jerusalem and north of Jericho in valleys going down to the Jordan Valley in which traces of Bar Kochba's people have been found.

As for what such finds as the Bar Kochba letters mean to Israelis, Meshorer says the country is composed of exiles for whom the history of their ancestors in the land is a unifying factor.

Arabs fear ramifications

"It emphasizes our roots ... When the letters were found, everyone was talking about it ... Bar Kochba was their forefather. He fought for them, for the State of Israel 2,000 years ago against the Romans." Meshorer warns against attaching too much symbolism to the Bar Kochba story but more about that later.

Israel's Arab neighbors fear the power of archeology, he says. An example is the Syrians' attempt to suppress news of what they regard as Zionist discoveries at the Ebla dig after word came out early on that some biblical names were discovered.

"In the Arabic world, everything is politics. So once they decided Israel doesn't exist — it doesn't exist. If you look at their books on geography at school, there is no Israel ... So whatever they find that has any relation to the biblical stories, to the stories of Israel, the Israeli people in the Land of Israel, they try to avoid it — not to look at it."

He also cites the example of a Jordanian exhibition where it was claimed that ancient coins with Hebrew writing were Palestinian. "They don't care about objective truth and this is what happened in Ebla. By the way, they had nothing to be afraid of. It's not Jewish and has nothing to do with Jewish history."

But what about the foreign archeologists at Ebla willing to suppress news

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of discoveries as the price for continuing?

"They will finish their dig and then later on, they might decide to publish it and (say) 'to hell with the Syrians.' Archeologists are patient people. So, okay, not today. We'll publish it after a generation."

What are the sites that archeologists dream of finding?

"In the 19th century and the beginning of this century, the tendency was to look for certain things such as the treasures of this king or that king. Now archeologists are not looking to find specific things because they are aware that whatever they find is above their expectations."

And that includes the yet-undiscovered King Herod's tomb whose contents were most certainly stolen long ago, Meshorer says.

"So we start from zero ... We want to know what happened, what was, what existed in this or that site. We want to study the site. Whatever we find we thank God for it."

As with most other things in Israel, lack of money is at the heart of archeology's problems.

"Archeology as such is less important than the army and less important than education and less important than immigration and all these things come first. This is why we do very little (compared with what could be done) and we concentrate on the priorities," he said, adding that the top priorities are doing excavating at those sites marked for development.

Are there any lessons from the past for Israelis today, he is asked, in reference to Yehoshophat Harkavi's book, The Bar Kochba Syndrome. Meshorer notes that Harkavi stated Bar Kochba believed the redemption was "on the threshold" and that the Jews could help bring it about with the revolt against Rome, which ultimately led to disaster.

Harkavi warns those Israelis whom he feels ignore the realities of what can and cannot be attained about what happened in Bar Kochba's time.

"Well, he may be right. I think he is right," Meshorer said. "But the principal question is how to judge (the heroic Bar Kochba) — by the result or by the idea, and the question is still unresolved." ■

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By CYNTHIA GASNER

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In praising the talents of her long-time couturier, Glick says that many women in Los Angeles would love to have "Miss Maggy" come to California to design their dresses. "On several occasions, I've walked into social gatherings and received standing ovations for Maggy's sensational outfits."

For more than two decades, Reeves' boutique at 108 Cumberland Street, in Toronto's Yorkville area, has attracted a faithful and adoring clientele, Toronto's best-dressed women who will settle for nothing but the best and are willing to pay for the privilege of wearing a Maggy Reeves original.

Considered by many to be Canada's first lady of fashion, her timeless classic designs reflect the hundreds of hours of hand-stitching and emphasis on intricate detail that make a Maggy Reeves creation recognizable at hallowed social and political gatherings.

Reeves is reluctant to speak of her loyal customers but it is common knowledge that her client list reads like a North American who's who — the ageless Loretta Young, Vivien Leigh, the glamorous Gabors, the Reichmann family, Sondra Gotlieb, Isabel Basset and the wives of businessmen Alfred Billes, Robert Campeau, Hans Abromite and George Cohon, just to name a few.

On the walls of her office are pictures of some of her grateful clients. Wearing a wedding gown by Maggy Reeves, ballerina Karen Kain has written on her photograph, "You are a wonderful artist and I can never thank you enough for making this day even more special for me. Much love, Karen Kain."

Who is this enigmatic lady who has a passion for craftsmanship and insists on perfection from those around her? She is the antithesis of a fashion model — a delightful, pint-sized, bubbly blonde, who is constantly battling with weight. She is like a wind-up toy that begins her perpetual motion at 6 a.m. and runs out of power around midnight.

Throughout her 18-hour work day, she dashes hither-and-yon appearing to be in a state of chaos but her computer-like mind and large eyes see and record every detail as she runs from her select ready-to-wear boutique on the lower level, to the fitting rooms and work rooms on the second floor, to the third floor where fabrics are stored.

"My God, you just don't know what's doing here. You just can't get enough skilled workers anymore," she lamented as she hung up the telephone after explaining to a caller why she cannot take on any new clients. "Making very fine handmade garments is a craft that's dying. It can take a half hour to sew on a snap, to put it in just the right place and to meticulously hide it."

She says that today in haute couture, a few hundred garments are made from one design and shipped around the world.

"They no longer can afford to take the time to hand-finish a garment."

But Reeves insists that her garments must be hand-ribbed, the edges must be hand-rolled, darts perfectly fitted to make the bodice fit just so, and tier upon tier of fabric is applied and trimmed in the way a sculptor creates perfection in design.

"I will never be rich," said Reeves, referring to spiraling labor costs, fabrics that cost up to $1,000 a metre and her unrelenting obsession to create the perfect dress, regardless of the time involved.

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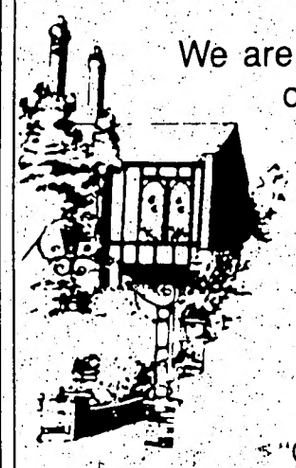

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"My family was torn apart by the war. My father, Robert Weisz, was a doctor. He slipped out of Austria in 1939 and spent the war years in the Dominican Republic."

As a young girl, she lived with her grandmother during the war. In 1943, her world collapsed.

"I remember my grandmother being pushed on a truck like cattle to be taken to a concentration camp. I never saw her again because she and other members of my family were killed at Theresienstadt. I was taken to a convent in Minsk, part of White Russia, and brought up there."

After the war, the teenager joined her father in South America, where she attended art school. She married at 15 and had a son, Fred. Soon after, her love of art and design began to direct the course of her life.

Widowed at 17, she and her child went to New York where Reeves took a course in pattern-making. Reeves worked as a design assistant with a well-known American firm, and when the head designer left, she took over the design responsibilities but the pay wasn't good. To make more money, she moved to Philadelphia, where she designed dresses for a mass-market manufacturer.

It was a serious car accident while on a trip to Texas that brought the feisty young lady to Canada.

"After months in a Texas hospital, I needed extensive facial surgery. A friend recommended that I go to Montreal to a very fine plastic surgeon." While recuperating, and without papers, she began freelancing as a designer and found a position at D'Allairds.

Maggy Reeves is a master of couture. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

"My boss liked my work so much that he sponsored me as a landed immigrant. But after two years, I decided to move to Toronto."

In Toronto, she found professional and personal happiness — a designing job on Spadina Avenue and marriage to Otto Solmai, a charming, cosmopolitan Hungarian, who had come to Canada after the Hungarian revolution.

"People were too rough on Spadina Avenue in those days. Canadian manufacturers didn't want originals, they only wanted me to copy American designers. They went to New York and copied the

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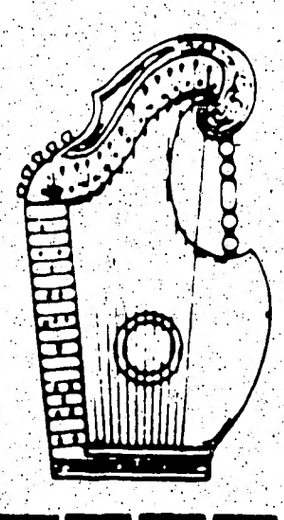

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fashions," she said, recalling her devastation when her employer took her original designs and reworked them to fit American trends.

Some 25 years ago, she decided to open her own workshop in her Leaside home where she could create her own designs.

"Three-quarters of my original customers were Hungarians and most of them are still my loyal customers today. The Reichmann family were among those first customers. They appreciate craftsmanship and although I've moved three times, they have been very loyal — they are the finest people to work for."

Client list is Who's Who

It was a fashion show at the Donalda Golf Club, with an audience of some 50 people, that gave the creative designer her first public exposure. In 1964, she met Reva "Reeves" Joseph who became both her friend and business partner.

A year later, they held a private showing of the first complete Maggy Reeves collection at the Joseph's home on Strathearn Boulevard. The show attracted more than 400 guests and brought the Maggy Reeves' image into the limelight of fashion-conscious women. Shortly after, the pair bought a shack on Cumberland Street and together with the help of their friends, they renovated the building. In 1966, the partners separated.

Reeves presented a major fashion show at a Toronto hotel a year later. Her reputation, built on elegant dinner dresses and evening dresses with endless attention to detail, hand-embroidered bodices, passementaire, ornamental braid, fancy edging, beading and metallic thread, brought the most discriminating fashion-conscious women to her boutique.

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Staff delivers on commitment

Tel Aviv Sheraton pampers guests

By WENDY ROSEN

The difference between a claim and a motto is essentially the equivalent of that between expectation and reality.

At the Tel Aviv Sheraton, conveniently located near the Dizengoff's multitude of shops and cafes, the slogan, From First Class to Master Class, has been elevated to more than motto status — the hotel strives to attain this exalted status each and every day.

And it shows.

In its endeavor to live up to this commitment to excellence, the five-star beachfront hotel places importance on treating each patron as a VIP regardless of his or her status elsewhere.

Little things go a long way to making guests feel pampered and are often that which separates a good hotel from a great one.

These little things can include leaving a chocolate mint on the pillow after turning down a bed in the evening or ensuring that the supply of towels and toiletries is well stocked.

Poor service is often the first criticism of the paying customer, be it at a hotel or a restaurant and the ensuing bad-mouthing of the establishment can cripple future business.

The Sheraton chain's guest satisfaction system and its ongoing training program for newcomers and veterans alike help ensure that staff delivers on this commitment. The philosophy here is that staff training is as important as renovations and should be budgeted accordingly because one without the other does not bode well for success.

Concierge gives sightseeing directions to hotel guest. (Rough Layout)

This policy has resulted in a friendly, knowledgeable staff, which at all times seems willing to pamper guests. The front desk personnel, who must speak Hebrew, English and another language (one of the concierges speaks eight languages), pleasantly respond to guests' queries no matter on what subject or how often they've been asked the same question.

The concierge (there's one on duty from early morning until late evening) gives his full attention to one person at a time. He also never recommends just one restaurant — besides the hotel's own kosher gourmet eatery, The Twelve Tribes, two others outside the hotel are also suggested.

Airline packages tours

El Al has begun celebrating its 40th anniversary. The airline, which operates four direct flights to Israel each week from its North American headquarters in Montreal, began operations in July 1949 soon after the creation of the State of Israel.

In the meantime, El Al has ventured into the field of tour packaging. Reasonably priced tours — stay puts or escorted motorcoach — are offered as well as three- or four-day side trips to Eilat and Cairo. Nile cruises and a package to Turkey are in the planning stages.

An airline spokesman in Tel Aviv said that word of mouth has minimized the damage to tourism that the uprising in the territories has caused.

"We're still optimistic. Israel has a lot of room for growth and there is the feeling that next year will be a better year."

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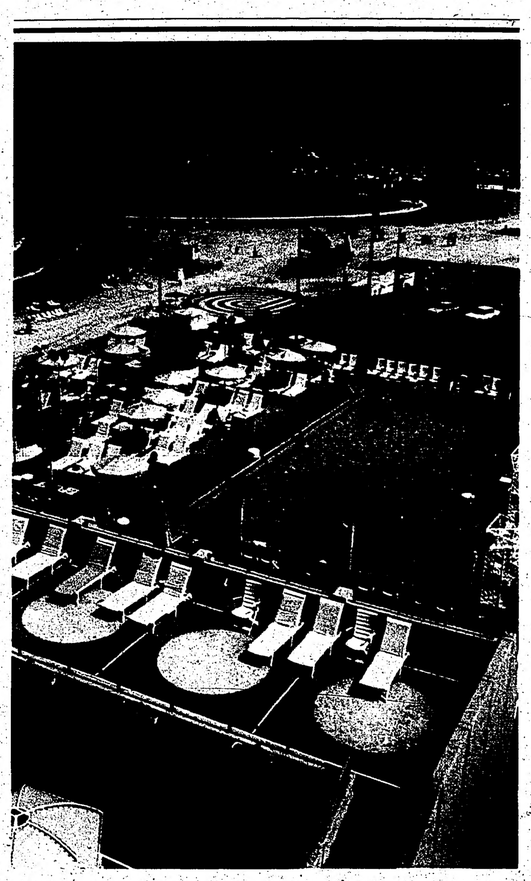

The hotel has two pools. (Rough Layout photo)

The concierges all have a thorough grounding in what's going on in town and the best times to go as well as good contacts with booking agencies and organizations.

Staff wear name tags with only their given name. This stems from an incident a number of years ago when David Ben-Gurion's grandson, Allon, was on staff. A guest saw the famous surname and, half in jest, asked if he were related. The positive reply startled and upset him — how could he allow the grandson of Israel's founder to serve him? From then on, only first names were used.

The Sheraton, the first international hotel group to open in Israel 27 years ago, helped open the gates to tourism. The chain, which has nearly 500 hotels worldwide, refused to renew its management lease at that hotel because the owners would not upgrade — renovate and redecorate — the facility.

Soon thereafter in 1977, the chain took over the lease at the newly built 21-storey hotel further down the coast that now is The Sheraton. Two years ago, the hotel finished a $4 million (U.S.) refurbishing program which included the extension of the entrance to the hotel.

Above this area, a poolside cafe and second pool were added so there now are two outdoor pools — one in the shade and the other in sun, but both offering a panoramic view of the sea. Perspex panels provide a shield from the sea breezes without spoiling the view.

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As you enter the lobby and in most of the public areas including the restaurant and the lobby bar, the outdoorsy feeling continues. Fresh floral arrangements of roses, carnations and mums in shades of champagne and rose, are everywhere. The decor exploits the proximity to the beach — colors are beige, rose and blue while wood is of a light color.

(The only exception to this is the more masculine-appointed dark wood and slightly darker shades of the same theme in The Sheraton Towers — the four top floors of the hotel established to cater to the whims and needs of business travellers, often the most demanding guests of hotels. By occupancy rates, the hotel is the first choice of business travellers in Israel. The Towers has a full range of communication services — a secretarial pool, Fax and Telex machines — which allow businessmen to conduct their affairs as efficiently as they would at home.)

It is estimated that about 95 percent of the hotel's 355 rooms have a view of the Mediterranean. The standing-room only balconies, especially on the higher floors, offer a breathtaking view of the burnt orange sun sinking into the azure Mediterranean.

A control panel for lights, radio, television (in-house video channels showing new films are available at no additional cost) and air-conditioning is encased in the nightstand between the beds. A waste-not-want-not component is built into the sliding door leading to the balcony; when the door opens, the air conditioning automatically shuts off and doesn't kick in again until the door is firmly closed.

Virtually every seat in the Kum Kum Restaurant, where breakfast and lunch buffets are served, offers a view of the Mediterranean that will soothe any troubled soul. The panes of glass are so large that it seems as if you're truly eating outdoors.

In addition to the restaurants, there are several banquet halls that can handle small affairs. There is also a lobby lounge, with live entertainment and a disco on the ground floor. ■

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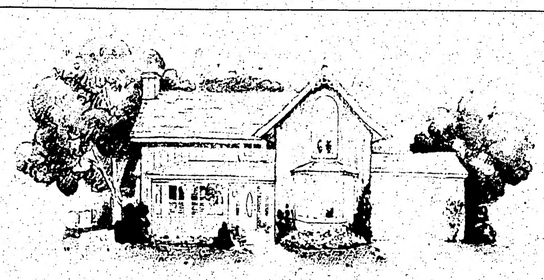

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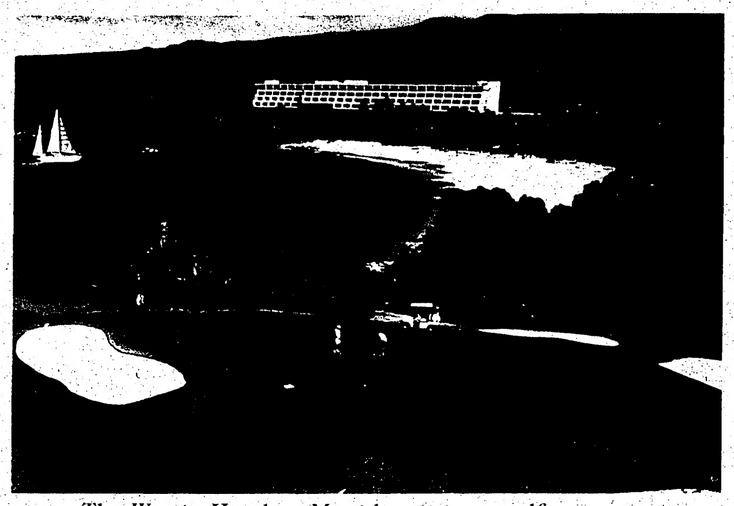
Hawaii's grandeur awesome

By CARYN RAIZIN-DOLGIN



The Westin Hotel on Maui has its own golf course.

Perfectly set like a rare jewel against the majestic beauty that nature has so abundantly provided, the Hawaiian Islands are alluring and breathtaking. Tempting panoramas are your first impression as you gaze outward to the horizon and over the vast Pacific, stretching forever in every direction.

Suddenly you discover the wonder of this most special of special places. Surely if there is one place in the entire world that speaks a mystical language that beckons visitors to return again and again, it must be these islands.

Visit the Valley Isle of Maui, which abounds with miles of white sandy beaches. Maui is the home of the now dormant Haleakala volcano which last erupted some 200 years ago. A sunrise trip to the rim of the crater, which spans 32 miles and is the approximate size of Manhattan Island, affords one of nature's most spectacular and awesome sights.

Also a must in Maui is the drive to Hana nestled on the northeast shore. The narrow roads twist and wind through beautiful rain forests, in which lush plant life creates scenic splendor. The ultimate adventure and single most luxurious way to experience the beauty of Maui is by jet helicopter. There are a number of excellent tours, which usually can be arranged through your resort or the numerous guide publications available almost anywhere on the island.

Extensive hotel and condominium resorts dot the island terrain and offer a great variety of choices in locations, activity and price. The newest star amongst these resorts is the Westin, recent recipient of a 1988 five-star rating. The 761-room luxury resort on 1,200 acres of the world's most desirable vacation property, Kaanapali Beach, is just four miles from the recently opened Kapalua West Maui Airport and only three miles from the ancient whaling village of Lahina.

The Westin, a $155 million project designed by internatinally famed resort developer Christopher Hemmeter, has become one of the most sought after of all the Hawaiian destinations. This resort community is complete with 36-hole golf course and a delightful shopping complex easily accessible by the quaint Kaanapali Trolley which operates daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. free of charge.

Location aside, the hotel itself creates a totally magical experience for the traveller in pursuit of the utmost tropical pleasure. The elegant lobby houses a $2.5-million collection of Oriental and European art. Walking through the lobby to an informal flagstone promenade, the visual excitement of the Westin unfolds. A 20-foot waterfall that sweeps down to a mix of pools and ponds nestled in lush aquatic gardens complete with cascading rapids are highlighted by tropical plant life, exotic birds and fish. The view beyond is of the coconut tree-lined beach walk and the azure waters of the Pacific backdropped by the islands of Molokai and Lanai. Some of the most magnificent sunsets are seen here nightly.

The hotel beach program is excellent. At the conveniently located beach desk, arrangements can be made for scuba diving, snorkeling, jet skis and surf boarding. The hotel also maintains two beautiful 50-foot catamarans, The Anuenue (Hawaiian for rainbow) and The Sea Horse. Take a picnic snorkel cruise or a romantic sunset sail. Whale watching is available during the winter months.

As passengers sail up Maui's beautiful coastline on the way to snorkel in one of the many secluded bays, they can see large sea turtles sunning themselves on the surface as well as schools of dolphins frolicking in the water beside the boat. Sailing is an absolute pleasure with the folks at Sea Sails, the company that operates these boats. The crew is dedicated to passengers' comfort and full enjoyment. They are just as fabulous with children and will have even the most timid child snorkeling within half an hour. Catamaran cruising with Sea Sails from the Westin will be a highlight of your Maui vacation.

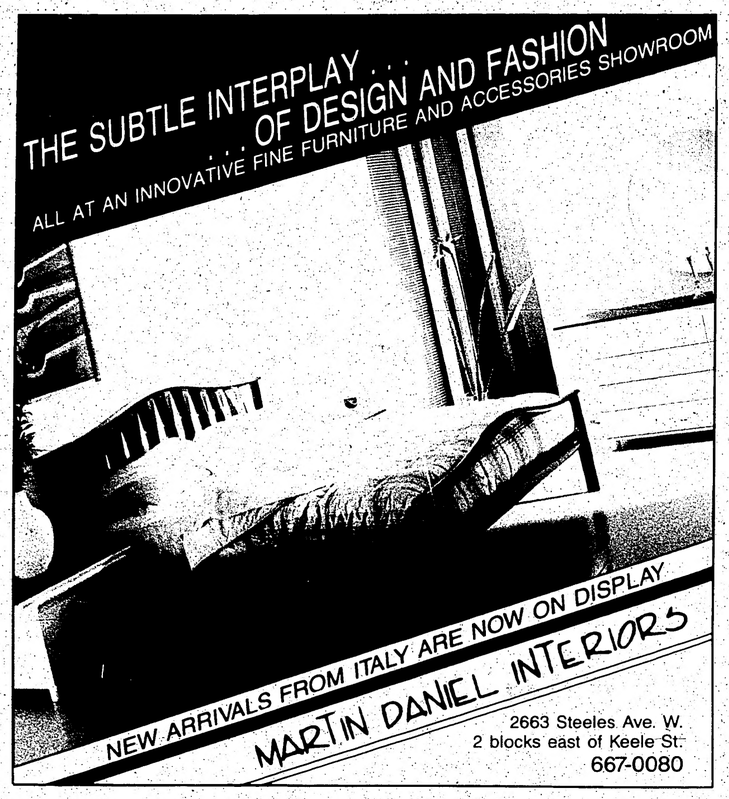
No vacation to Hawaii is complete without a side trip or two to the out islands. Moving on to what some call the real Hawaii is the island of Hawaii which boasts ever-changing lava beds, a rugged coastline and majestic mountains including Kilauea — America's only drive-in volcano. The spacious feeling the island evokes, especially along the Kona coast, proves to be the perfect setting for the Mauna Kea Resort Hotel. This Westin-managed resort is a patch of green and landscaped beauty, a haven for relaxing and pampering, as it is situated in a secluded spot on the island's finest white sand beach.

The hotel's piece de resistance is its golf course. If any golf course anywhere can distract a golfer and make him stop and look around and smell the flowers, it is this Robert Trent Jones masterpiece.

From the back tee, its 7,103 yards of challenging holes is framed by the most exotic scenery. It is laid out so that one can see the Pacific Ocean from every green.

Among the many historical sites and national parks to be visited is Pu'ukohola Heiau, the restored Temple of King Kamehameha the Great. This was quite literally Kamehameha's staging ground for the unification of the Hawaiian Islands. Pu'ukohola now is a national park and is opened daily. Of special charm to visitors are the colorful small towns of the island and the many quaint festivals, fairs and parades that take place annually. Whether exploring the wonders of the island or simply relaxing at the Mauna Kea, the experience of visiting the real Hawaii is quite unlike any other.

A short 40 minute inter-island flight is all that separates visitors from Kauai, the Garden Isle. It is fringed by miles of sun-drenched beach and deep rain forests which lie in its interior.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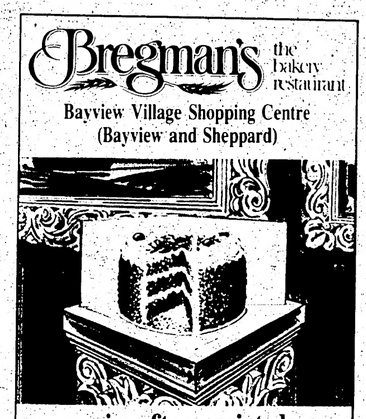
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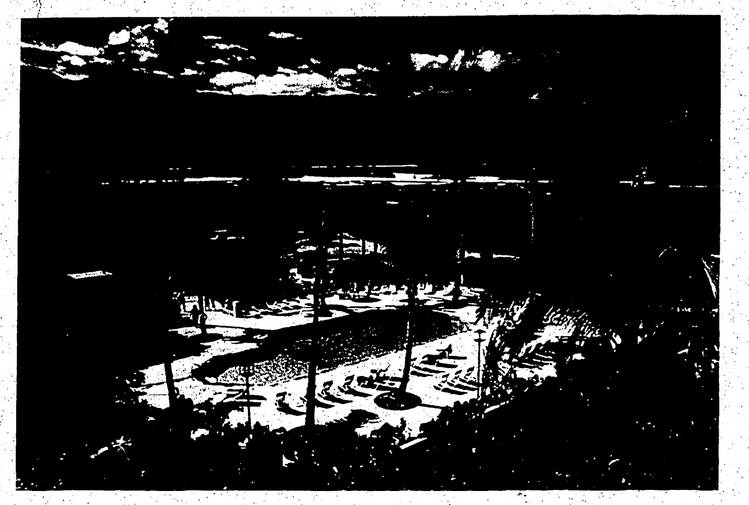
New to Kauai is the Westin Hotel, an 800-acre super resort sweeping along the Nailiwili Bay. This resort is not to be missed. Beginning with 15 stretch limousines that ferry guests to the 36-hole Jack Nicklaus golf facility or to the Hotel Lagoons where a magnificent Venetian launch will take guests to one of the many fabulous restaurants where, after dinner, they return to the lobby in a stunning London Carriage, pulled by a team of perfectly matched Clydesdales.

The Princeville resort, located on Kauai's north shore at the edge of Hanalei valley, is the home of the magnificent Sheraton Princeville Hotel. Perched in pristine seclusion atop a terraced cliff overlooking the brilliant sea, this elegant resort is authentically patterned after a uniquely elegant Hawaiian plantation.



Flowers surrounding pool at Sheraton Princeville Hotel on Kauai.

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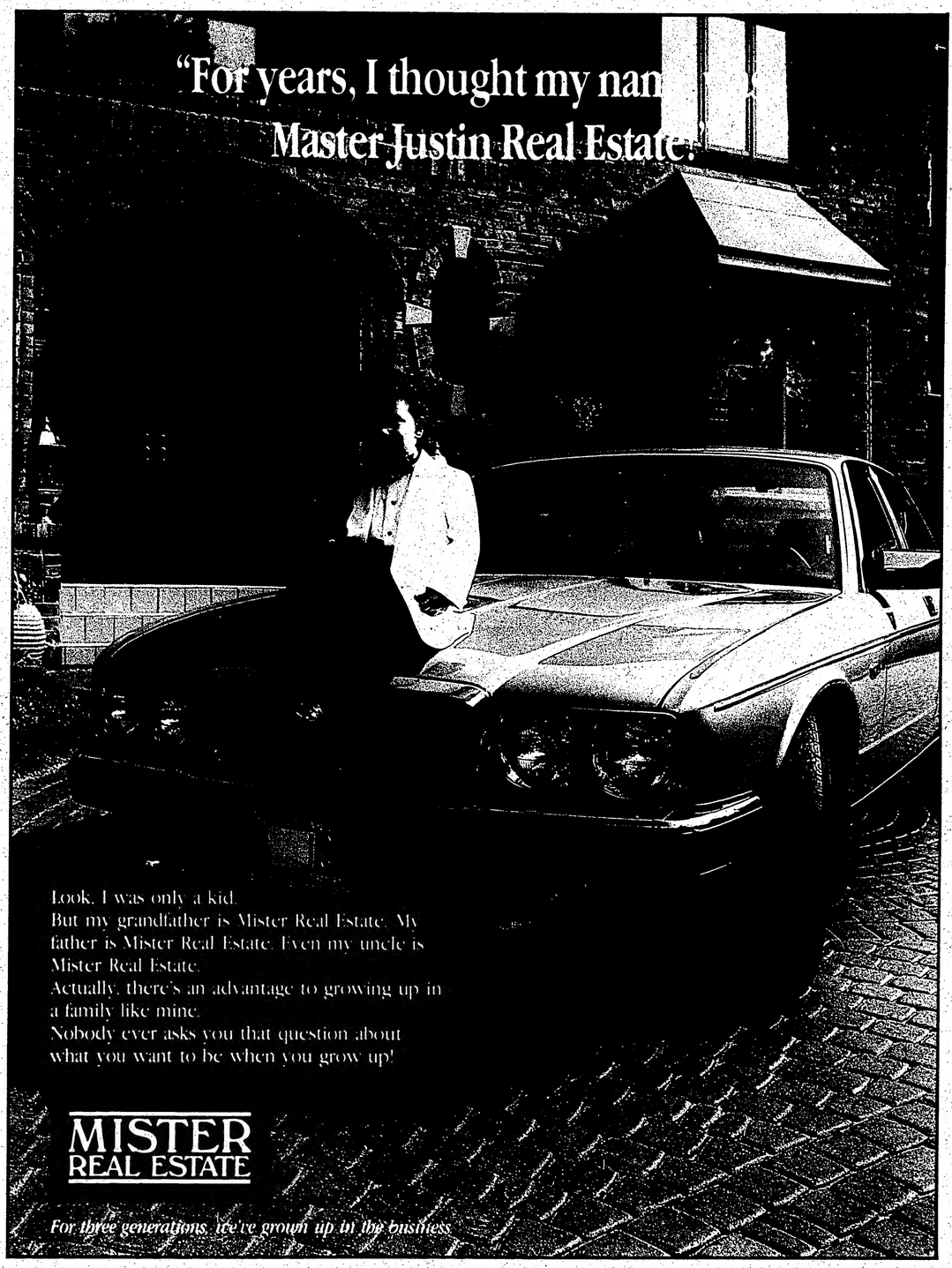
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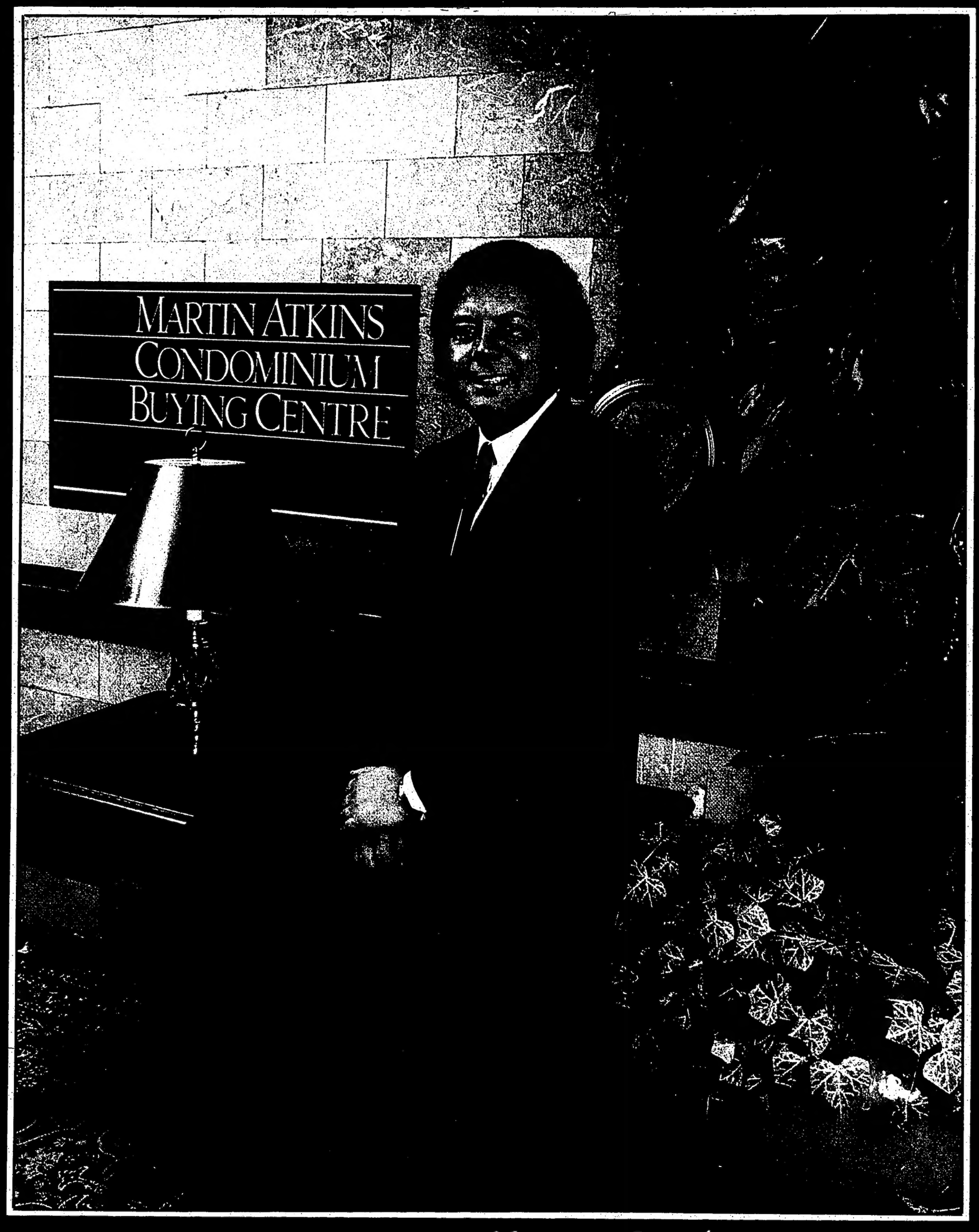

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What is Yad Vashem?

Been to Yad Vashem recently? If not, you may not recognize the place. Cranes, workmen and the unmistakable hustle and bustle of building and adding to the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem are everywhere. The expansion of Yad Vashem entails several projects and constitutes one of the most ambitious and rapid growth phases in the 34-year history of the institute.

Founded in 1953 by an act of the Knesset, Yad Vashem is an extension of the Ministry of Education and has grown to become the world's most significant research center and repository of documents and exhibits relating to the destruction of European Jewry during World War II. Over one million people — Israelis, tourists and foreign dignitaries — come to Yad Vashem every year to stand in silence and pay tribute to the memory of the Six Million, as well as acknowledge those who resisted and fought back. Yad Vashem is so central to the understanding of the State of Israel's commitment to preserving the memory of the Holocaust, that every foreign dignitary or head of state who visits Israel must visit Yad Vashem.

The facility's importance is further underscored with each new trial of a suspected Nazi war criminal. Yad Vashem is and has been the primary source of documents, research and vital evidence in the trials of Adolf Eichmann, Klaus Barbie, John Demjanjuk, Andrija Artukovic and others.

The standard structures and projects at Yad Vashem form its backbone: the Children's Memorial, library, archives, Avenue of Righteous Among the Nations, the Hall of Names, the Memorial Cave and Shrine and countless statues and sculptures. With its expansion, Yad Vashem promises to be an even more stunning experience, provided, the necessary funds can be raised. The Government of Israel supports Yad Vashem's administrative costs only. For the first time, the institution has issued an appeal around the world: $20 million will be required in the next few years if the preservation of the memory of the Holocaust is to be ensured from generation to generation.

World Center for Holocaust Teaching

With its vast historical resources, it is imperative that Yad Vashem teach current and future generations about the Holocaust. To that end, the administration building has been expanded to include a research and teaching center. During the summer months, students from the northern portion of the globe are invited to take the seminars, while in the winter, those living south of the equator will take part. This way, Yad Vashem ensures that people visit on their vacations and that regular school time is uninterrupted. In 1985, over 28,000 people participated in the various seminars and courses.

Late in 1985, Yad Vashem chairman Doctor Yitzhak Arad commissioned a group of Jewish war veterans from Toronto to start a Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban officially opened the Canadian Society in Toronto in April, 1986 and since then, the organization has grown to almost 1,000 members. The society has assumed the task of raising two million dollars toward ongoing projects.

The Children's Memorial

A memorial at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem to the Jewish Children who perished in the Holocaust. The effect is made by using candles and mirrors which create an infinite number of points of light signifying the murdered children. WZPS photo by Richard Nowitz.

The Children's Memorial is relatively new addition to Yad Vashem, and the most stirring it was built by Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Spiegel of Beverly Hills in memory of their one-year-old son Uziel, who was killed at Auschwitz. Designed by architect Moshe Safdie, the memorial to the approximately one and a half million children who perished in the Holocaust is emotionally moving. One enters a dark building, made more so after the bright Jerusalem sun, and solely illuminated all around by pin-points of candlelight. The star-like twinkles are everywhere — to the right, left, above, and thanks to a see-through catwalk on which the visitor treads, below as well. The effect is one of being suspended in space — of floating through a universe where there are one and a half million stars, one for each snuffed out young life. The impression is achieved by only four real candles, reflected ad infinitum by strategically placed mirrors that reflect light sources only. In the background, a voice on an endless tape loop recites the name of each child that perished. It takes four years of continuous reading to complete the list.

The Valley of the Destroyed Communities

Valley of the Destroyed Communities under construction at Yad Vashem, Israel.

Easily the most awe-inspiring and grandiose of the new undertakings, the Valley sits on six acres of rocky, wooded hillside adjacent to Yad Vashem. A momumental, open-air memorial to the over 5,000 European towns, villages and communities in 22 countries destroyed during the war, this is a five-year, $6 million project that will be completed September 1, 1989 — the 50th Anniversary of World War II. The Valley will attempt to symbolically reconstruct the 5,000 lost communities in massive rock formations, recalling the rubble and debris left by the Nazis. Each cluster of rock will symbolize a country and its positioning will correspond as closely as possible to its location in Europe. So if you head south from "Poland," you should find "Czechoslovakia" and each country will be subdivided into the various towns and villages that were destroyed, with each community's name engraved into the rocks. The Valley will resemble a maze, but this one will be cut from golden Jerusalem stone. "This will be the Pyramids for the Jews."

The Comprehensive History of the Holocaust

This will constitute the most definitive work on the Holocaust and a legacy for the future. Encompassing 24 volumes, the encyclopedia is being written by the foremost historians and authorities on the period, and will contain testimonies, maps, facts, figures, biographies and much more.

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Activities of the International Society for Yad Vashem

CANADA

Ambassador Reuven Dafni visited Toronto in the spring to participate in the Yom Hashoa event organized by the Society. From this visit a number of fundraising events, including parlour meetings and individual solicitations were organized. Pledges for over $200,000 were received as a result.

Dr. Yitzhak Arad, Chairman of Yad Vashem Directorate was in Montreal at the beginning of July to meet with the Toronto Executive, Charles Bronfman and leading members of the Jewish Community.

The Society, along with the Jewish War Veterans held a fundraising dinner in May at Beth Avraham Joseph Congregation. The Honourable Barbara McDougall, Minister of Employment and Immigration was the keynote speaker to a capacity audience.

U.S.A.

Dr. Arad was in New York in March to attend a luncheon meeting of the American Society. He reported on the progress of the "Valley of the Jewish Communities" and on the general situation at Yad Vashem. He then visited Washington, D.C. for talks with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council on the implementation of the newly signed agreement with Yad Vashem, and with the head of the State Department's Berlin Desk about matters concerning files from the Berlin Documentation Centre. Dr. Arad also visited Detroit where he spoke with Rabbi Rosenzweig and other members of the Detroit Holocaust Center about Yad Vashem.

In April, a large American contingent, led by Mr. Eli Zborowski, American Chairman, visited Yad Vashem for the inauguration of an additional section of the Valley. Over 500 people crowded into the Lithuania Courtyard in the Valley of the Destroyed Communities to participate in the dedication of the second section of Yad Vashem's major development project. The keynote address was given by Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, Chairman of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency. The names of all major contributors to the Valley of the Destroyed Communities will be engraved on the six pillars which form the centrepiece of the plaza.

First International Conference Organized for Holocaust Survivors' Children

From December 18th to 23rd, 1988 there will be held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem the First International Conference of Children of Holocaust Survivors. Organizers are expecting hundreds of participants from all over the world including several hundred from Israel.

There are three themes: the Holocaust; Jewish existence; and human dignity. Topics to be discussed include the Holocaust in historical perspective; anti-Semitism in the wake of the Holocaust; pursuit of Nazi war criminals; the psychological impact of the Holocaust on the second generation; education for the third generation; and fighting denials of the Holocaust.

There will be a special liaison office to help people locate missing relatives, and there will be activities planned to help bring together estranged persons who once lived in the same communities. The program will include visits to Yad Vashem, the Museum of the Diaspora and Kibbutz Yad Mordechai which was on the front line in the War of Independence. There will also be a tree planting ceremony in the Negev in memory of the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto.

The conference has been timed so that it will commemorate the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht and the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto. Organizers are also trying to arrange programs for the third generation — the grandchildren of the survivors.

Questions on Resistance and Survival

Part 1 of a Series by Peter Silverman

On May 9th, 1988, during Holocaust Education Week, the Holocaust Education Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress held their Annual Student Seminar Day at OISE. The topic was the Holocaust.

I have been invited, over the years, to speak to many high school students and to answer their questions about Jewish resistance and heroism during the Holocaust. My credentials are the two years I spent as a partisan in the forests of White Russia and Lithuania.

I would like to answer for you, a thoughtful and perceptive question asked by a student at this Seminar. He asked, "You said that in White Russia and Lithuania where you operated there were tens of thousands of Jewish Partisans. Where are they today?"

1) Many were killed while we were in the first stages of armed resistance in the spring of 1942. We the Jews were the FIRST to enter the forest with very few weapons and even less ammunition. We had little experience and almost no leadership. Yet we started the first armed Jewish resistance. The local population was against us and our casualties were extremely high. Initially there was no medical care at all and most of the wounded were condemned to die a slow and painful death.

2) During the two years of partisan warfare our Jewish comrades volunteered for the most dangerous missions, and consequently we suffered, proportionately, the highest casualties.

3) The Nazi war machine instituted two blockades against our forest.

The first one was in November of 1942. 30,000 Germans and collaborators surrounded the forest and combed every inch of it. It was David against Goliath.

The second blockade occurred in October of 1943 when the Nazis threw a force of 60,000 men, tanks, artillery, the airforce and dogs against us and two neighbouring forests. Many Jewish lives were lost during these blockades.

4) When the Red Army was approaching us, we received orders to capture and hold a number of cities and towns held by Germans and also to block their retreat, evacuation of wounded, and supply trains. Again, our Jewish boys and girls were the first vanguard of the offense and subsequently suffered high casualties.

5) Immediately after liberation some of the collaborators who were cut off and failed to escape west, went into the forest. This was the same forest where we had spent two years fighting. Our partisan units went into the forest to flush them out or to eliminate them. For the Jewish fighters this was settling a personal account. Most, if not all, of these collaborators had participated in the mass murder of all the Jews in our ghettos and had later helped the Germans capture, torture and kill many of the defenseless survivors who were either too young or too old to join the partisans.

This was OUR fight and naturally we suffered many casualties.

6) After liberation many Jewish partisans (including myself) joined the Red Army. Of those who joined in August, 1944, perhaps half did not come back alive. They fell in the heroic battle on the way to Berlin.

7) A large number of former Jewish partisans joined the illegal ALIAH and later the Jewish underground in Palestine during the War of Independence of the State of Israel. Some fell in that battle.

8) Since the end of the war in the last forty-three years, many former partisans died an early death because of the indescribable conditions and injuries inflicted prior to and during our anti-Nazi campaign.

Recently I read an alarming statistic: 10% of the survivors are dying each year. The remaining former Jewish partisans, to the best of my knowledge, live mainly in the following countries: Israel, U.S.A., Canada, USSR, Poland, Argentina, and France.

I would like to make clear that I am writing mainly about the "SPARTAK" brigade that operated in the KOZIANY FOREST about 150 kilometers north of Wilno. There were several other brigades in our forest and others in neighboring forests.

At the time of liberation our brigade numbered close to 1,000 people with more than 15% of them being Jewish girls and boys.

Judging from the reaction and questions of the students I could tell that they were surprised by the extent of the Jewish participation in the war against fascism and nazism. The vast majority of the over 800 students who attended the seminar during the last two years have not been Jewish.

I have lectured on the same subject in Hebrew high schools and to University students and I find the same is true. It is a problem that the world — including most of the Jewish world — knows little or nothing about the extent of the armed Jewish participation during WW II against the most cruel and brutal enemies of the Jewish people.

More than one and a half million Jewish soldiers fought in the ranks of all the Allied armies during WW II. On top of that, Jewish partisans from the occupied countries waged armed resistance against the enemy. Their exact number will never be known as many were fighting under assumed names. But the numbers have been estimated at over 100,000.

Wherever there was armed resistance in occupied Europe, the Jews were the first to organize it. In eastern Lithuania and western Byelorussia where we operated, some of the units were either all or substantially Jewish. Hundreds of thousands of Jews fell in the heroic fight against this most brutual enemy. Tens of thousands were decorated for heroism and bravery. The Jewish people made a major contribution toward the Allied victory over Nazi Germany and their collaborators.

The story of the young Jewish partisans in the forests of Eastern Europe appears to be one of the best kept secrets of WW II. But, it is out of these heroic victories and chain of sacrifices that the independent State of Israel emerged. At the beginning of 1945 there were approximately eleven million Jews left alive. Over 15% of the Jewish population had been involved in armed combat. We can not forget the sacrifices and heroism of our dead brothers and sisters who commanded us in their last words, "do not forget and do not forgive." But, it is not enough to say "do not forget." We must actively participate in practical terms and deeds to make sure it is not forgotten.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority was established by an act of Knesset just for that purpose.

The entire Jewish people (not just surviviors) must support it morally and financially if we are really serious about perpetuating the memory of a third of our people annihilated by the Nazis and their collaborators.

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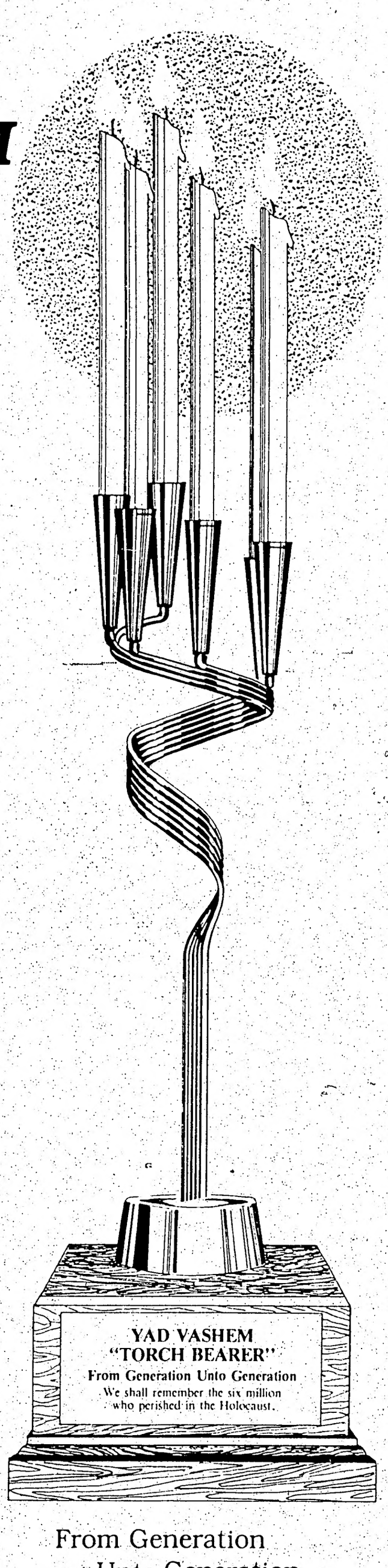

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The following Toronto families have recently become "Torch Bearers." For information on how you can become a Torch Bearer, please phone (416) 223-5511.

TORCH BEARER

The Torch Bearer designation is a very special one. These people have all made a minimum donation of $6,000.00 to Yad Vashem. In return, besides the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping to prevent the horrors of the Holocaust from re-occuring, they receive a special "Yad Vashem Menorah" to light on Yom Ha'Shoah. Our Torch Bearers include:

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Yad Vashem comes to Montreal

Left to right: Lou Greenbaum, David Smuschkowitz, Charles Bronfman, Dr. Yitzhak Arad, Alex Grossman and Dr. Joel Dimitry.

Dr. Yitzhak Arad, Chairman of Yad Vashem, Jerusalem visited Montreal in July together with a delegation of Toronto executives from The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. They went to initiate a Montreal Chapter of Yad Vashem that would participate in a program to assist the world famous "Valley of Destroyed Villages" being constructed at Yad Vashem and scheduled for an official opening in September 1989.

The Montreal Chapter will also assist in the "Pages of Testimony" project which is recording the names of the Six Million who perished, the publishing of the comprchensive 24 volume "History of the Holocaust" as well as other research projects.

The Yad Vashem delegation met with a group of Community Leaders at a Luncheon hosted by Mr. Charles Bronfman.

Martin Levine, Ben Milner, Julius Briskin, Manny Batshaw, Allan Rose, Irwin Cotler, Samuel Gewurz, Nat Koby and the host Charles Bronfman attended the luncheon. The Toronto delegation was comprised of Dr. Joel Dimitry, David Smuschkowitz, Canadian Co-Chairmen of Yad Vashem; Alex Eisen, Lou Greenbaum, Alex Grossman and Seymour Aron.

Mr. Bronfman was presented with a Yad Vashem "Torch Bearer" Menorah by Alex Eisen in recognition of his inspired leadership in the Jewish Community.

The Toronto group also met with several educators and organization Executive Directors in the morning. This group included Frank Hardy, Shlomo Shimon, Myra Giverovitch, Raizel Candib, Batia Bettman and Rivka Augenfeld.

Committees

The Executive Committee announced that under the able direction of the Steering Committee members, Joel Dimitry, David Smuschkowitz, Lou Greenbaum, Alex Eisen, Ron Csillag, Syd Gangbar and Lou VanDelman, our Society is growing in numbers and in strength.

There is still room, however, for more involvement by our members. If you can help by becoming active in one of the following committees, please call the office at 223-5511 and we'll be happy to get you working. Our committees are: Fundraising; Yom Ha'shoah Program; Publicity; Receptions/Dinners; Landsmanschaft; Education; Second Generation; Canada-Israel; Pages of Testimony; Montreal Chapter; Holocaust Week; Membership; Speakers Bureau; Missions/Tours; Other Chapters; Synagogue Outreach; Youth and Remembrance.

Memberships

In response to a mailing done in June of this year, we have received an enormous response. Renewals are still coming in and we hope to have a 100% response before the end of the year. Our membership cards, complete with Holy Day and holiday dates, are ready to be mailed out to you as soon as you respond.

We are also embarking on a major membership drive. If you have any family, friends or acquaintances who might be interested, please let them know about us. Information is available from our office, so feel free to call and request that material be sent.

Appointment

Dr. Joel Dimitry and David Smuschkowitz, National Co-Chairmen of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem are proud to announce the appointment of Lou VanDelman as National Executive Director.

Mr. VanDelman brings to Yad Vashem years of marketing, organizational and fund raising skills.

Mr. VanDelman is married & has two children. His wife Anna, is the Senior Social Worker at Baycrest Centre, Daycare Service.

Mr. VanDelman will be directly involved in the co-ordination of all Yad Vashem educational, fund raising and memorial events.

If you have articles of interest for our future publications call (416) 223-5511

Pages of Testimony

The ashes of millions of Jews murdered in the death camps of Europe have lain spread all over the continent for the past 45 years. Many of those who perished in the Holocaust have no families left. They were murdered together with their wives and husbands, parents and children. For the past 35 years, Yad Vashem in Jerusalem has been gathering the names of those who died in the Shoah. Europe has made no testimonial or acknowledgement to the 6,000,000 Jews who were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators. In fact, Europe has recently developed historical amnesia as to what has happened. Only in Israel can the memory of those who died in the Shoah be preserved; only in Israel will their memory never be erased.

There are approximately three million names currently on record at Yad Vashem. Each name is recorded on a "Page of Testimony" in the Hall of Names. You can read who they were, where they were born, where they lived, and when and how they perished. Often there are photographs. The work of completing the gathering of the missing names is one of the most important and urgent tasks facing Yad Vashem. If the work is not completed soon, it is doubtful we will ever be able to complete this memorial to the individuals whose lives were ended so abruptly and so cruelly.

Please help us. If you know of anyone who died during the Holocaust, or know of a survivor who might be able to help, please get in touch with us at 223-5511, or at 1111 Finch Ave West Ste: 206, Downsview, Ontario M3J 2E5. We will supply you with as many "Pages" as you need. It would truly be a tragedy if, because of our inaction, the names and identities of those who perished were lost a second time. Help us "never to forget."

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On a Visit to Yad Vashem

Yai Sukonthabund — an 11th grade student from Thailand who attends the Walworth Barbour American International School in Israel. Reprinted from The Jerusalem Post, Monday, July 18, 1988.

I felt infuriated. I simply could not understand it. The Holocaust had been one of the greatest horrors ever to be recorded in the history books, yet the Israelis had turned it into a mere tourist attraction by setting up a museum.

Even though I was mad, and as I jauntily walked off our minibus, I resolved to bear with the atrocity. It was a beautiful day as the sun sifted through the air, leaving a path of warmth and well-being.

We entered the building of Yad Vashem, and I noticed a sudden change in atmosphere. Everything was silent and serious, creating the uncanny feeling of a funeral.

The sights that greeted me inside were about to radically change my composure. I walked among the pictures and displays and my insides were experiencing a mixed broth of sorrow, horror and sympathy, as well as an admiration towards the Jews who survived.

It was very sobering to see the mutilated bodies and emaciated faces depicted in pictorial portraits, and also to see the cold cruel faces of the Nazi officers, the ones who were putting the Jews through tortures fit for no living thing. But of all the photographs, there is one that stood out among all others for me, one that will forever be ingrained in my consciousness and being. It was a picture of thousands upon thousands of eyeglasses piled on each other on the floor. They seemed so inanimate through the lack of their owners, yet so monstrously alive in their sheer numbers.

I had heard many times before that six million Jews perished in the Holocaust, but until then I had never been able to perceive such a gross number. As I looked at the photo, I saw many things. To me each pair of glasses seemed to represent a person, perhaps a mother, perhaps a grandfather or a brother, who would never be able to contribute his share to the world, never again to give or receive love from a cared one. Each pair of glasses represented an emptiness; a void caused by the snuffing out of a life before its time; a void caused by the malicious evil of Nazism. Each pair of glasses represented a sense of grief, a sense of suffering, and I wondered how could man put his brother of humanity through such horrors?

When we walked out of the museum we passed the group of trees which had been set up to honour the Righteous Gentiles, the ones who had saved many of the Jews, and I felt an infinite respect for those people.

Our group thought that our trip to Yad Vashem was over, but we were told we had one more stop to make. I had no idea of what we were to see in the Children's Memorial, the monument constructed to remember and honour the children who had been killed in the Holocaust.

The monument surprised me, for I had half expected a statue, but had not even thought it might be a specially constructed room.

The room was pitch black save for the light of multitudes of candles which seemed to be suspended everywhere, which someone told me were the reflections of a single candle. I was overwhelmed.

A recorded voice was naming the individual children and their origins, and the atmosphere was of intense peacefulness, with a tone of reverence and sorrow.

As the children and their countries were named, I looked around and saw the candles, reflections of a single candle, just as all the boys and girls who had perished were the reflection of their candle; their childhood.

I wondered, who were these kids? I wondered if I would have known them had they survived. And I wondered what their lives were like, as they had died at my age or younger. Perhaps I will always wonder, and I also wonder how many others will do so too.

Before I went to Yad Vashem, I had never understood fully why the Jews of Israel were so bound by this tragic event. I now saw that to live through a threat to one's existence is perhaps the greatest binding force.

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